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## EGYPTIAN GENERAL REQUIREMENT FOR LEATHER PRODUCTS

In June 2012, the General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC) required that imported textile and leather products listed in the Ministerial Decrees No. 626/2011 and 660/2011 must be accompanied with an inspection certificate for each shipment or pre-registration with GOEIC by the importers when imported into Egypt.<sup>1,2</sup> Compliance with the Ministerial Decrees requires that these goods must meet the requirements of the country's mandatory quality and safety standards.

In order to be released and sold in Egypt, all imported leather products, including leather, leather products, artificial leather, shoes and their parts, and bags which are listed in the Ministerial Decrees No. 660/2011, are subject to quality control examination and must conform to the relevant Egyptian standard specification. For leather products, Egyptian standard of ES 6535/2008 - "General Requirements of Manufactured Leather" and ES 7322/2011 - "Safety & Health Criteria for Leather Products and Its Parts" may apply.

The highlights of the requirements for the Egyptian standard ES 6535/2008 and ES 7322/2011 are summarized in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively.

<sup>1</sup> [Safeguards No. 030/12 – New Regulation For Textiles & Leather Products Imported Into Egypt](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Safeguards No. 055/12 – SGS is approved by Egypt GOEIC as an accredited 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspecting company](#)

**TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF THE TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ES 6535/2008**

TEST ITEM	LEATHER	
	NATURAL LEATHER	ARTIFICIAL LEATHER
Resistance to tear (kg/cm)	Min. 30	Min. 20
Colorfastness to rubbing dry & wet	Dry: Min. 4 Wet: Min. 3	Min. 3
Ash test	2.5% Max.	
Colorfastness to perspiration	Min. 3	
Moisture content	18% Max	
Colorfastness to light	Min. 6	Min. 4
Resistance to flexing	30,000 flexions	
pH	3.5 Min.	
PCP (mg/kg)	Free	-

Additional requirements for product labeling under ES 6535/2008:

- Product name and the trade mark
- Contents
- The size in case of belt
- Country of origin

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF THE TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ES 7322/2011

TEST ITEM	LEATHER		TEXTILE	METAL PART
	NATURAL LEATHER	ARTIFICIAL LEATHER		
Formaldehyde	150 mg/kg		75 mg/kg	-
Azo Dyes	Should not be used		Should not be used	-
Azo dyes - Navy Blue	0.1% (w/w)		Should not be used	-
Phthalates (DEHP, DBP, BBP, DNOP, DINP, DIDP)	0.1% (each) (Coated leather)	0.1% (each)	0.1% (each)	-
Cadmium	0.01% (each) (Coated leather)	0.01%	0.01% (Printed textile)	-
Nickel release	-		-	0.5 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> / week
Soluble heavy metal	Sb < 60 mg/kg As < 25 mg/kg Ba < 1000 mg/kg Cd < 75 mg/kg Cr < 60 mg/kg Pb < 90 mg/kg Hg < 60 mg/kg Se < 500 mg/kg (for Children's footwear less than 36 months - size 26 & less)			
Chromium VI	3 mg/kg	-	-	-
PCP	1 mg/kg; Used in footwear manufacturing (lumber - cork): 5 mg/kg	-	1 mg/kg	-
Monomer of PVC (VCM)	1mg/kg (Coated leather)	1 mg/kg (Polyvinylchloride)	-	-

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