Egypt Issues a New Executive Regulation for the Importers Register

The new regulation aims to simplify importer registration processes while enhancing administrative oversight and compliance.

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In brief

The Egyptian Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade has issued Ministerial Decree No. 271 of 2026, introducing a new Executive Regulation for the Importers Register Law No. 121 of 1982, effective from the day following its publication in the Egyptian Gazette.

The new regulation repeals the previous Executive Regulation issued by Ministerial Decree No. 846 of 2017 and reflects the recent legislative amendments introduced to the Importers Register framework.

In detail

Key Highlights:

- **Full Digital Transformation:** GOEIC is required to establish an electronic platform for new registrations, renewals, re-registration and amendments to registration data. Once operational, all applications will be processed electronically.
- **Clearer Registration Procedures:** The new regulation provides more detailed requirements for registration, renewal, amendments and cancellation compared to the 2017 Executive Regulation.
- **Updated Governance:** It clarifies GOEIC's responsibilities in managing the Importers Register while maintaining confidentiality of commercial and financial information.
- **Alignment with Recent Legislative Amendments:** The Executive Regulation implements the amendments recently introduced to Law No. 121 of 1982, including:
    - Allowing required amounts to be paid in accepted foreign currencies.
    - Simplified procedures for updating legal form and tax registration number without re-registration.
    - Facilitating re-registration by heirs in specific circumstances.
    - Introducing a settlement mechanism for certain violations.

What changed from the previous executive regulation (Decree 846/2017)?

- New electronic registration framework.
- More comprehensive digital filing procedures.
- Updated documentary and procedural requirements.
- Alignment with the 2026 amendments to the Importers Register Law.
- Enhanced governance and administrative procedures.

Key takeaways

Businesses currently registered, or planning to register, on the Egyptian Importers Register should review their registration records, documentation, and internal compliance procedures to ensure alignment with the new Executive Regulation.

The move toward a fully digital registration process is expected to streamline interactions with GOEIC and reduce administrative burdens over time. Companies should also assess whether the new provisions, such as simplified amendment procedures, foreign currency payment options, and settlement mechanisms for certain violations, may offer opportunities to improve compliance efficiency and reduce operational disruptions.

As customs and international trade advisors, we can support businesses in assessing the impact of the new requirements and preparing for the transition to the updated framework.

How can we help

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