

Ministry of Trade and Industry
Trade Remedies Sector
Declaration No.1 for the year 2022

**On imposing final anti-dumping fees on dumping imports of
Edam and Gouda Cheese of Dutch origin or imported from the
Netherlands**

In accordance with law No. 161 for the year 1998 about protecting the national economy from consequences of harmful international trade practices and its bylaws issued by ministerial decision No. 549 for the year 1998 and its amendments referred to hereafter as the "regulations".

Based on provisions of Article No. 10 of the regulations, the Minister of Trade and Industry has approved the recommendations of the advisory committee in light of anti-dumping investigations regarding imports of Edam and Gouda cheese of Dutch origin or imported from the Netherlands. The Minister issued ministerial decision No. 81 dated 5/1/2022 that was published in the Official Gazette, issue No. 7 (Annex A) on the date of 9/1/2022 imposing final anti-dumping fees on the aforementioned items for 5 years.

1. Procedures:

The Minister of Trade and Industry has previously on the date of 23/12/2020 approved recommendations of the advisory committee on anti-dumping measures against dumping imports of Edam and Gouda cheese of Dutch origin or imported from the Netherlands. Declaration No. 9 for the year 2020 on starting with anti-dumping measures against dumping imports of Edam and Gouda cheese of Dutch origin or imported from the Netherlands was published in the Official Gazette, Issue No. 295 (Annex C) on the date of 29/12/2020.

On 12 January 2021, a list with all the questions, the notification on start of the investigation as well as the non-confidential text of the complaint were sent to all local industry players and all importers and foreign producers known to the investigation authority. A list with all the questions, the notification on start of the investigation as well as the non-confidential text of the complaint were also sent to the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Cairo to distribute them to all producers and exporters of the concerned product who are not known to the investigation authority and have exported the product to Egypt during the period under investigation. All concerned parties were given a notice period of 37 days since receipt of the questions to send their replies.

The investigation authority received during the set period a number of replies on the questions and it also received letters in reply to requests to complete some information those parties were supposed to fill in and afterwards the included data and information were analyzed.

The investigation authority has carried out an investigative field visit to local industry players from September 7-9.

A copy of the non-confidential text of the fact report dated 29/11/2021 was sent to all collaborating concerned parties and they were given a notice period of 5 days from receipt of the report to send their comments. The notice period was later extended by 3 days for parties who have requested an extension.

The advisory committee held its meeting on 27/12/2021 to discuss the final report prepared by the investigation authority that recommended imposing final anti-dumping fees on imports of Edam and Gouda cheese of Dutch origin or imported from the Netherlands. The committee shared its recommendations with the investigation authority and they were presented to the Minister of Trade and Industry who approved the recommendations reached by the advisory committee and issued the aforementioned ministerial decision No. 8 for the year 2022.

2. Investigation period:

The investigation period on the dumping part was from 1/7/2019 till 30/6/2020.

The investigation period on the damage part covered years 2017,2018,2019, the period from 1/7/2018 till 30/6/2019 as well as the period from 1/7/2019 till 30/6/2020.

3. Local Industry:

The local industry is represented by Port Said Company for Food Industries (RIYADA) whose production constitutes 59% of the local production of similar products and it was supported by Farm Cheese Company.

4. The concerned product and the similar product:

Edam and Gouda cheese listed under article No. **04069090** of the coordinated customs tariff.

The investigation authority reached a conclusion that the product produced by local industries is a similar product of the product of Dutch origin or imported from the Netherlands in terms of physical properties, specifications, distribution channels and final uses and each of them can be considered an alternative of the other and can replace its uses according to provisions of articles No. 2-6 of the anti-dumping agreement.

5. Dumping practices

The investigation authority came to a conclusion that imported Edam and Gouda cheese of Dutch origin or imported from the Netherlands are imported based on dumping prices.

6. Causing financial harm and cause-effect relationship:

The investigation authority came to the conclusion that the volume of Edam and Gouda cheese of Dutch origin or imported from the Netherlands constitutes more than 3% of total imports from all sources and that these imports are based on dumping prices that

cause financial harm to local industries that was in line with the absolute and relative increase in these dumping imports. The authority also concluded that there is a cause-effect relationship between Edam and Gouda cheese of Dutch origin or imported from the Netherlands and the financial harm incurred to local industries.

7. Imposing anti-dumping fees and their duration:

A decision has been taken to impose anti-dumping fees on Edam and Gouda cheese of Dutch origin or imported from the Netherlands at a percentage of 7.8%- 13.6% for Edam cheese and 4%-4.6% for Gouda cheese from the CIF value for a duration of 5 years as per ministerial decision No. 8 of the year 2022 published in the Official Gazette, Issue No. 7 (Annex A), dated 9/1/2022. The decision is effective starting the next day the decision was published in the Official Gazette.