

***The president of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
Decree No. 248 for the year 2006 concerning  
The reorganization of the Egyptian Accreditation Council***

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**The President of the Republic**

After reviewing the constitution,

- The law No. 2 year 1957 concerning standardization,
- the law No. 21 year 1958 concerning the structuring of the industrial organizations,
- the Presidential Decree No.312 year 1996 concerning the establishment of Egyptian Accreditation Council,
- the Presidential Decree No. 420 year 2005 concerning restructuring and organizing the Ministry of Trade and Industry,
- and after the approval of the cabinet at its session held on 28/6/2006.

**DECIDED**

**Article 1**

The Egyptian Accreditation Council shall have the public juristic personality, it shall be located in Cairo, it shall be affiliated to the Minister of Trade and Industry and it is referred to in this decree as the Council.

The Council may establish branches and offices for it self inside the Arab Republic of Egypt.

**Article 2**

The Council shall have the executive power solely to accredit the conformity assessment bodies including; but not limited to; testing and calibration laboratories, certification bodies for products, systems and persons, inspection bodies, proficiency testing scheme providers and product conformity bodies, and shall perform the following as examples:

1. Study the legislations concerning conformity and accreditation and suggest whatever required to achieve those activities.
2. Set the general policies for conformity assessment and granting accreditation.
3. Set the programs and plans of the council activities and develop the procedures for implementation.
4. Approve the establishment of branches and offices for the council inside the Arab republic of Egypt.
5. **Develop internal financial and administrative rules and regulations for the Council without being bound by the governmental rules.**
6. Approve the annual budget of the Council, its accounts, and its end year financial statements.
7. Accept donation, aids, and contributions granted to the Council to achieve its goals.
8. Coordinate with the national and civil society organizations concerned with market surveillance, consumer protection and product quality.
9. Establish a mechanism to settle the disputes regarding the accreditation and its criteria.

### Article 3

The Egyptian Accreditation Council, EGAC, shall be formed under the chairmanship of the Minister of Trade and Industry and the membership of:

- The Chairman of the General Organization of Standardization and Quality.
- The Chairman of the General Organization of Import and Export Control.
- The Chairman of the Federation of the Egyptian Industries.
- The Head of the laboratories sector in the Ministry of Health and Population.
- The Chairman of the Federation of Trade Chambers.
- The Chairman of the National Institute of Standardization.
- The Chairman of the Egyptian Society for Quality.
- A representative of Export Councils.
- The executive director of the Industrial Modernization Center.
- A representative from the State Council.
- A representative of the Certification Bodies and Inspection Bodies.
- A representative of the Testing and Calibration Laboratories.
- Two of the Public Figures with experience in the field of conformity assessment.

The period of the Council membership shall be three years through a decree from the Minister of Trade and Industry, which shall determine the meeting allowances.

The Council meetings are conducted periodically upon a request from the chairman. Decisions are issued by the majority of the attendance votes, if the votes are balanced; the side with the chairman is outweighed.

The Council may invite experts to its meeting according to his/her experience in the field of the Council activities. These experts can be whether external or internal from the Council. They will be invited without having any count.

### Article 4

The Council shall appoint an executive director and he shall have the following responsibilities:

- Preparing the annual work plans and responsible of its implementation after the council approval.
- Preparing and implementing the regulations and procedures required for the accreditation process.
- Preparing the annual budget for the approval of the council.
- Preparing the annual reports concerning the activities and achievements of the council.
- **Signing the agreements with the customers and with similar international organizations with fields of conformity and accreditation.**
- Preparing for the council board meetings and implementing their decisions.
- Preparing the financial and administrative regulations to be approved by the council.
- Forming the technical committees, specifying their duties to support the work of the Council, and monitoring their performance.
- **Representing the Council before the courts and the others.**

## **Article 5**

The financial resources of the Council are:

- Allocated fund from the governmental budget.
- The revenues created from the services provided by the Council.
- Donations from the industrial community and accepted by the council.

## **Article 6**

The Council shall have an independent budgets prepared in the form of a commercial budget. The Council financial year begins with the beginning of the state fiscal year and ends with it. The revenues and transferred from one fiscal year to another and are located in a special account.

## **Article 7**

The rules and provisions decided by its own personnel regulation apply to the Council staff.

## **Article 8**

This decree shall be published in the official gazette and enacted the day following its date of publication.

***(Hosny Mubarak)***

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