

Ministry of Industry and Foreign Trade
Decree No. 660 of the year 2011

Minister of Industry and Foreign Trade:

After perusal of Law No. 118 of the year 1975 regarding Import and Export;

Ministerial Decree No. 770 of the year 2005 Issuing the statute of the rules enforcing the provisions of law No. 118 of the year 1975 concerning the import and export and the system of procedures of examination and control of imported and exported commodities;

Ministerial Decree No. 643 of the year 2002, regarding the Imposition of Export Fee on Leathers;

Ministerial Decree No. 90 of the year 2004, regarding the Imposition of Export Fee on Certain Types of Leathers;

Ministerial Decree No. 304 of the year 2011, regarding Prohibition of Exporting Raw and Tanned Leathers in their Wet State; and

The Minutes of the Meeting - held on 8/9/2011 - of the Committee for Assessment and Study of the Leather Tanning Sector, formed by virtue of the Ministerial Decree No. 416 of the year 2011;

The Minutes of the Meeting of the representatives of the sectors of leather tanning and manufacturing and Chamber of Commerce, and the Leather Export Council, held on 21/9/2011; and

The Minutes of the Meeting held to discuss the problems facing the leather manufacturing, on 21/11/2011;

HAS DECREED:

Article (1)

A new item shall be added to Annex No. (3) attached with the Statute of the rules enforcing the provisions of the referred to Import and Export Law. The following is the text of the new item:

Serial No.	Name of Article	Import conditions
6	Natural leathers, artificial leathers, footwear and parts thereof, and bags.	Except for imports for private and personal use, customs release of imported consignments of these items shall be effected on the condition that they must be accompanied by an inspection and review certificate, accredited and issued by an accreditation body recognized by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), or by an Egyptian or foreign government body approved by the Minister concerned with Foreign Trade, provided that the certificate of each item contained in the consignment must show (the quantity – value – country of manufacture – name and address of manufacturer – trademarks licensed – name of importer – inspection findings proving compliance with the accredited Egyptian standard specifications). The General Organization for Export and Import Control shall subject these consignments to random inspection.

Article (2)

The text of Item (1) of the terms contained in Article (2) of the referred to Ministerial Decree No. 304 of the year 2011, shall be replaced by the following text:

“1) Payment of an export fee of thirty Egyptian pounds for each piece”.

Article (3)

The export fee shall be refunded for those leathers which are returned back to the country and whose exports are banned, and which have been previously exported to the free zone, to conduct manufacturing processes thereon and re-exportation thereof.

Article (4)

Exportation of raw leathers to the free zone shall be conducted on the condition that an export approval must be obtained from the chairman of the Foreign Trade Sector, provided that the ratio of permitted exports must not exceed (30%) of total leathers of local slaughtered animals, according to the data of the General Organization for Veterinary Services.

Article (5)

Provisions of Article (1) of the present Decree shall not apply to commodities that have already been shipped, or a documentary credit has been opened therefor, or whose value has already been transferred before the date the present decree comes into force.

Article (6)

This Decree shall be published in Al-Wakaye Al-Mesreya / Government Bulletin, and shall come into force as of the day following the date of its publication.

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