

Decree of the Chairman of the Egyptian Drug Authority No. (39) of 2025

The Chairman of the Egyptian Drug Authority,

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (127) of 1955 Regulating the Practice of the Pharmacy Profession, and its amendments;
- Law No. (151) of 2019 concerning the Establishment of the Egyptian Drug Authority, and its Executive Regulations;
- Presidential Decree No. (4) of 2025 concerning the Formation of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Drug Authority;
- The minutes of the Authority's Board of Directors meeting convened in Session No. (1) held on 20/7/2020;
- Based on the memorandum submitted by the Head of the Central Administration of Pharmaceutical Policies and Market Access;
- And in consideration of the requirements of the public interest and the safeguards ensuring the availability, quality, and efficacy of medical and biological products in the market, in order to preserve public health and achieve Egyptian pharmaceutical security;

(Article One)

-The importation of finished medical and biological products, or products intended for filling and packaging within the Arab Republic of Egypt, whose remaining shelf life is less than two-thirds of the total shelf life printed on the package, shall be prohibited.

(Article Two)

-The shelf life considered for permitting release and circulation of products shall be calculated as of the date of arrival of the shipment at Egyptian ports.

(Article Three)

-In cases of emergency circumstances, the importation and circulation of the products referred to in the preceding Article may be permitted as an exception to the shelf-life requirement stipulated in Article One of this Decree, based on a detailed technical memorandum supported by reasons and market studies prepared by the Central Administration of Pharmaceutical Policies and Market Access and approved by the Chairman of the Authority.

(Article Four)

-This Decision shall be published in the Egyptian Gazette and shall enter into force as of 1/7/2025, and all provisions contrary thereto shall be repealed.

Chairman of the Egyptian Drug Authority

Dr. Ali El Ghamrawy

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