

# JAPAN P&I NEWS

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*To the Members*

Dear Sirs,

## **Egypt – Guidelines for the import of wheat that is affected by the Ergot Fungus**

Middle East Survey & Control Office (MESCO), our correspondent in Egypt, has kindly provided the Association with information about the change of the local authorities' guidelines for the import of wheat, which enforces zero tolerance on wheat affected by the Ergot Fungus. Please find attached circular.

In addition to the above change of the guidelines, the local authorities have recently rejected the grain cargo in several cases due to a cargo not being within the permissible specifications for it to be imported.

As those issues are not relevant to the carriage contract but to the sale contract, the Owners have nothing to do with such problem. However, as it is foreseeable that the vessel may be involved with such trouble, our correspondents recommended to stipulate a clause in the C/P to the effect that the vessel is to remain on hire even if the cargo is refused by the authorities due to a quality issue and the Owners are to be absolved from any expenses or responsibility arising therefrom.

Yours faithfully,

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Attachment: Information provided by Middle East Survey & Control Office



### Circular - 106

#### Cargo Issues in Egypt

We have recently been seeing several shipments being rejected by the local authorities due to a cargo not being within the permissible specifications for it to be imported as well as the current change in the guide lines, for the import of wheat which has changed to be zero tolerance for the Ergot Fungus.

Both issues are not vessel related and are quality off shipment which is more related to the sail contract of the cargo but we have seen vessels having to take matters in their own hands, which has become a very expensive and complex issue.

We would recommend that any C/P for carriage of goods to Egypt stipulate that should part – all of the shipment be refused by the authorities due to a quality issue ( i.e sale contract of cargo ) then the vessel is to remain on hire, and absolved of any and all expenses she may be subjected due to this issue.

Below you will find a free translation of the ministerial decree – decision concerning the presences of the Ergot Fungus in wheat cargos.

Translated page from **The Ministry of Agriculture & Land Cultivation**

Arab Republic of Egypt

Ministry of Agriculture & Land Cultivation

The Minister



Ministerial Decree

No. 1421 for the year 2016

The Minister of Agriculture & Land Cultivation

- After having review the agricultural law that as issued under law no. 53 for the year 1966 & it's amendments
- As well as the ministerial decree no 3007 for the year 2001 in relation to the organization of quarantine actions
- As well as the ministerial decree no. 426 for the year 2009
- AS well as the letter from the cabinet of ministers no 21-15628 dated 21/07/2016 in relation to the study on the report dealing with the Ergot fungus in the imported consignments of wheat.
- As well as the study carried out by the Agricultural Research Center in connection with the Ergot fungus.
- As well as the memo issued by the Agricultural Services Sector and the follow up of the imported wheat consignments.

It was Decreed

Article 1) All parties to stop working with the ministerial decree no. 1117 for the year 2016 in relation to the dealing with the Ergot fungus in the consignments of wheats imported from abroad.

Article 2) The prohibition of the import of wheats that are affected by the Ergot Fungus with a zero percent tolerance.

Article 3) All parties concerned shall implement this decision of their respective authorities and eliminates the contrary or inconsistent with its provisions.

Issued on 22/08/2016

Minister of Agriculture & Land Cultivation

Prof. Dr. Essam Fayed



It is recommended that owners place charterers on notice due to the following decree, to avoid any claim arising due to the following decree.

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الوزير

**تسراير وزارى**  
رقسم ١٤٣٦ لسنة ٢٠١٦

**وزير الزراعة واستصلاح الأراضي**

- بعد الإطلاع على قانون الزراعة الصادر بالقانون رقم ٥٣ لسنة ١٩٦٦ وتعديلاته ،
- وعلى القرار الوزارى رقم ٢٠٠٧ لسنة ٢٠٠١ بشأن تنظيم أعمال الحجر الزراعى .
- وعلى القرار الوزارى رقم ٤٢٦ لسنة ٢٠٠٩ ،
- وعلى كتاب مجلس الوزراء رقم ٢١-١٥٦٢٨ بتاريخ ٢١/٧/٢٠١٦ بشأن دراسة التقرير الخاص بالتعامل مع فطر الأرجوت فى رسائل القمح المستوردة ،
- وعلى الدراسة المقدمة من مركز البحوث الزراعيه بشأن فطر الأرجوت ،
- وعلى المذكرة المقدمة من قطاع الخدمات الزراعيه والمتابعة فى رسائل القمح المستوردة .

**قـرـر**

مادة (١) : إيقاف العمل بالقرار الوزارى رقم ١١١٧ لسنة ٢٠١٦ بشأن التعامل مع فطر الأرجوت فى رسائل القمح الواردة من الخارج .

مادة (٢) : يمنع دخول الأقماع المصابة بفطر الأرجوت [ صفر % ]

مادة (٣) : على جميع الجهات المختصة تنفيذ هذا القرار كل فيما يخصه ويلغى ما يخالف ذلك او يتعارض مع أحكامه .

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