




## Barrier fiches result

Title	 (*) Export taxes and export restrictions
Creation Date	10 Mar 2010
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Sector	Horizontal
Measure	Other (export related)
Third Country	Egypt
Description	Egypt maintains a number of export taxes and restrictions in response to price inflation and in order to protect the domestic consumption. The white rice, crude marble and granite and some metal residues are subject to an export tax.
Background	<p>Pursuant to Article 7 of Law 118/1975, the export of certain commodities can be prohibited or restricted through ministerial decree. Egypt introduced export restrictive measures (export taxes and export restrictions) to control commodity prices. The current situation is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In March 2008 a ban on exports of cement (and clinkers) and steel was introduced. In July 2009 it was extended until October 2010. The ban is no longer in force.</li> <li>- Ministerial Decree 450 of 2008 imposing the ban on rice exports was repeatedly extended until October 2012. In October 2012 Ministerial Decrees 767 &amp; 796 lifted the export ban on rice, re-allowing the exportation of white rice subject to an export tax of 1000 EGP per tonne.</li> <li>- In December 2012 Decree 949 re-allowed the exportation of white sugar exports, previously banned by Decree 1035 of 2010.</li> <li>- Since June 2011 Egypt imposes a 150 EGP per tonne export duty on crude marble and granite. The measure, which was set to apply for 6 months has been repeatedly extended, most recently in December 2012.</li> <li>- In June 2011 Egypt increased export duties on some metal residues, which range from 500 to 8000 EGP per tonne depending on the type of residue. The measure remains in place.</li> </ul>
Actions Taken	The issue was repeatedly raised in all available fora (including relevant EU-Egypt sub-Committee meetings, meetings of the Association Committee and of the Association Council), both orally and in writing at technical and political level.
Barrier id	105326
Barrier Status	Ongoing

(\*) In its conclusions of 8 December 2008, the Council of the European Union asked the European Commission "to draw up, in conjunction with Member States, a list of trade barriers to be prioritised in each of the EU's major trading partners ...". These barriers are marked as "key barriers" in the Market Access Database.

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