

Circular - 106 Cargo Issues in Egypt

We have recently been seeing serval 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 ne 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.

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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.

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

Loss Prevention Department,

any claim arising due to the following decree.

