

Press release

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Cotecna Egypt laboratory receives GAFTA certification

In September 2010, Cotecna Inspection Egypt Laboratory (C.I.E. Lab) in Alexandria was certified to issue analysis certificates for grain under the Grain and Feed Trade Association's Approved Analysts Scheme. www.gafta.com

Cotecna Egypt carries out inspections, verifications, examinations, and, as a GAFTA certified laboratory, quality and condition assessment of grains traded on GAFTA contract terms. Cotecna Egypt may issue reports and certificates relating to its operations and can render advisory services.

Cotecna's Alexandria laboratory near the Dekheila port, the largest grain receiving port in Egypt and the Middle East, is the only GAFTA analysis accredited laboratory in the Middle East outside Israel. Cotecna Egypt's laboratory services will be expanded to cover a wide range of analysis to meet demands of local and international clients who will no longer need to send samples abroad for analysis.

Cotecna Egypt is registered at Egypt's General Authority for Supply Commodities (GASC) and works on behalf of GASC in the country of origin performing analysis for wheat and edible oils. Egypt's population has one of the highest wheat per capita consumption level in the world and wheat is one of the country's main imports.

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Note to editors:

1. About Cotecna

Founded in Switzerland in 1974, the Cotecna group offers a wide range of trade facilitation services, trade security services and quality certification standards. Cotecna is a pioneer in areas such as risk management, destination inspection and scanner integration projects and also offers Customs modernization programmes, Customs valuation assistance, trade security solutions and commercial inspections. For a full description of our services, please visit www.cotecna.com. The Cotecna Group has a combined workforce of about 4,000 employees and agents in close to 100 offices.

Cotecna conducts verification and certification activities across a range of sectors for importers and exporters worldwide. Areas of particular expertise include: agricultural products (grains, pulses, oilseeds and feedstuffs to liquid cargoes, sugar, fibers, fruits, coffee, fertilizers...), metals and minerals, chemical and petroleum products, marine surveys, industrial equipment surveys, vehicle inspections and consumer goods. Accredited laboratories and testing facilities ensure the delivery of high-quality, verifiable results.

2. About Gafta

GAFTA, the Grain and Feed Trade Association, GAFTA's, of which Cotecna is a member, aims to promote the international trade and to protect the interests of its members. GAFTA has excellent relationships with international organisations and authorities such as: the WTO, International Trade Negotiations, World Plant and Animal Health Legislation, Market Access and Customs Issues, and Health and Safety matters. www.gafta.com