

**Table 3 Distribution of iodized salt samples with iodine levels lower than, within and higher than Egyptian standards collected from different companies by production year**

| Company                 | Iodine concentration |                        |          |                      |                        |          |          |                        |          |  |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|--|
|                         | Production date 2004 |                        |          | Production date 2005 |                        |          | Total    |                        |          |  |
|                         | < 30 ppm             | 30-70 ppm <sup>a</sup> | > 70 ppm | < 30 ppm             | 30-70 ppm <sup>a</sup> | > 70 ppm | < 30 ppm | 30-70 ppm <sup>a</sup> | > 70 ppm |  |
| No.                     | No.                  | No.                    | No.      | No.                  | No.                    | No.      | No.      | No.                    |          |  |
| <i>Locally produced</i> |                      |                        |          |                      |                        |          |          |                        |          |  |
| Company El (n = 10)     | 0                    | 5                      | 0        | 0                    | 5                      | 0        | 0        | 10                     | 0        |  |
| Company C (n = 10)      | 0                    | 5                      | 0        | 0                    | 5                      | 0        | 0        | 10                     | 0        |  |
| Company E (n = 10)      | 1                    | 4                      | 0        | 1                    | 4                      | 0        | 2        | 8                      | 0        |  |
| Total                   | 1                    | 14                     | 0        | 1                    | 14                     | 0        | 2        | 28                     | 0        |  |
| <i>Imported</i>         |                      |                        |          |                      |                        |          |          |                        |          |  |
| Company S (n = 10)      | 0                    | 5                      | 0        | 2                    | 3                      | 0        | 2        | 8                      | 0        |  |
| Company M (n = 10)      | 0                    | 5                      | 0        | 0                    | 5                      | 0        | 0        | 10                     | 0        |  |
| Total                   | 0                    | 10                     | 0        | 2                    | 8                      | 0        | 2        | 18                     | 0        |  |

<sup>a</sup>Egyptian standards range: 30-70 ppm.