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Report Highlights:

Morocco notified G/SPS/N/MAR/102 on September 29, 2023. The notification concerns Morocco's draft decree on the quality and safety of marketed sauces. Comments are due no later than November 28, 2023. An unofficial translation is included in this report.

Unofficial Translation of the Joint Order:

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| <p>Kingdom of Morocco ----- Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests</p> | <p>Draft Decree No. of.....(.....) on the quality and safety of marketed sauces</p> |
| <p>For countersignature</p> | <p>Head of Government,</p> <p>Having regard to Law No. 28-07 on food safety, promulgated by the Dahir No. 1-10-08 of 26 Safar 1431 (11 February 2010), in particular Articles 5 and 8.</p> <p>Having regard to Law No. 13-83 on the suppression of fraud on goods, promulgated by Dahir No. 1-83-108 of 9 Moharrem 1405 (5 October 1984), in particular Article 16.</p> <p>Having regard to Decree No. 2-10-473 of 7 July 1432 (6 September 2011) adopted for the application of certain provisions of Law No. 28-07 on the safety of food products, in particular Articles 4, 5, 48, 53 and 75.</p> |
| <p>Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests.</p> | <p>Having regard to Decree No. 2-12-389 of 11 July 1434 (22 April 2013) laying down the conditions and procedures for the labelling of food products as amended and supplemented.</p> <p>After deliberation in council by the Government on,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Order:</p> |
| <p>Minister of Industry and Trade</p> | <p>Article 1: In accordance with the provisions of Articles 5 and 8 of the aforementioned Law No. 28-07 on food safety, this Decree lays down the conditions for ensuring the quality and safety of marketed sauces.</p> <p>Article 2: For the purposes of this Order:</p> |

«Sauce»: liquid or semi-liquid preparation, intended to enhance the appearance, the aroma and flavor, or improve the texture of a food product. It can be used during preparation or added at the time of consumption. We distinguish:

- Emulsion Sauces: Preparation obtained by emulsifying one or more edible vegetable oils in an aqueous phase.
- Not emulsion sauces: Preparation obtained without emulsion.

Article 3: Sauces can only be marketed.

- ✓ Under the names provided in the decrees of the government authority responsible for agriculture. They must meet the corresponding characteristics set out in those decrees.
- ✓ Under the names established by the Codex Alimentarius when these names are not provided for by the said decrees. They must meet the corresponding characteristics set by the Codex Alimentarius.

However, for sauces whose names and characteristics are not provided for either by the above-mentioned orders or by the Codex Alimentarius, their names must consist of a description of the products and, if necessary, their uses. This description must be precise to enable the consumer to distinguish them from the sauces provided for in the paragraphs above. Their physicochemical characteristics must comply with the information appearing in their labeling.

Article 4: In accordance with the provisions of Articles 4 and 5 of [Decree No. 2-10-473](#) above-mentioned, establishments and companies producing, processing, transforming, packaging, distributing, transporting, storing, or preserving of the products defined in Article 2 referred to above must meet the requirements laid down by the regulations in force, in terms of health.

The operators of these establishments or companies must ensure the traceability of their products in accordance with the provisions of Article 75 of the said Decree.

Article 5: Importers of sauces must ensure that the said products they import meet the requirements set out in Article 48 of the [Decree No. 2-10-473](#).

Article 6: Any handling, treatment, or transformation for the manufacture of the products mentioned in Article 2 above must be carried out exclusively with drinking water as defined by the regulations in force.

Article 7: Operators of establishments and companies producing sauces must ensure that the microbiological criteria and the levels of residues of plant protection products and contaminants of the products they place on the market, comply with the relevant regulations.

Article 8: Only additives authorized by the regulations in force for the manufacture of sauces can be used.

Article 9: The addition of alcohol, whatever the proportion, to the products referred to in Article 2 above is not considered a lawful operation and constitutes fraud within the meaning of [Law No. 13.83](#).

The presence of ethanol due to fermentation or as a carrier of aroma is tolerated within the limit of 0.5% (v/v) in the products defined in Article 2 above.

Article 10: Sauces must meet the specifications and requirements laid down in accordance with the provisions of Article 53 of [Decree No. 2-10-473](#) referred mentioned above, particularly as regards their packaging and storage. This packaging must have characteristics guaranteeing the maintenance of the quality and safety of the product it contains.

Article 11: The labelling of sauces must be done in accordance with the provisions of [Decree No. 2-12-389](#) and the special labelling specifications indicated, if applicable, in the orders provided for in Article 3.

Article 12: The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests and the Minister of Industry and Trade, shall be responsible, each for the implementation of this Decree which shall be published in the Official Bulletin.

The provisions of this Decree shall enter into force from the date of effect of the decrees provided above.

Rabat on,.....(.....)

The Head of Government

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