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Report Highlights:

Morocco notified G/SPS/N/MAR/91 on November 2, 2022. The notification concerns Moroccan registration, import and enforcement relating to plant protection products. Comments are due no later than January 1, 2022. An unofficial translation is included in this report.

General Information: Morocco notified G/SPS/N/MAR/91 on November 2, 2022. The notification concerns registration, import, and enforcement relating to plant protection products, active substances, safeners, synergists and adjuvants that have been approved or authorized for agricultural use in Morocco. Comments are due no later than January 1, 2022. An unofficial translation is included in this report.

An unofficial translation:

<p>Kingdom of Morocco ***** Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests</p>	<p>Draft decree n°du..... (.....) taken for the application of the provisions of the law No. 34-18 relating to the phytopharmaceutical products.</p>
<p>To counteract The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests</p>	<p>Head of Government, Considering the law No. 34-18 relating to the phytopharmaceutical products promulgated by the dahir n°1-21-67 of 3 hijja 1442 (14 July 2021)</p> <p>After deliberation in the Council of Government, meeting on (.....),</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Order:</p>

TITLE ONE: GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PHYTOPHARMACOVIGILANCE

Article 1: This decree applies to plant protection products without prejudice to any other legislative provision or regulation specific to certain products, of their nature, origin, or production.

Article 2: The national plan of Phyto pharmacovigilance, provided for in article 6 of the law No. 34-18, aims at collecting data relating to the undesirable effects of phytopharmaceutical products and adjuvants on human health, animal health and on the environment and considers in particular the results of the monitoring devices concerning:

- The health of people and workers,
- Farm animals, bees, pollinators, and wildlife
- Water, soil, and air
- Cultivated plants and wild flora
- Plant products.
- Resistance of pests to plant protection products.

The data on the undesirable effects of plant protection products and adjuvants must be transmitted by any natural or legal person holding the approval provided for in article 61 of the law No. 34-18. These data may also be transmitted by users of plant protection products and adjuvants and agricultural advisers to the administration concerned and include at least:

- Any information allowing to characterize the human, animal or plant populations or environments that have suffered the incident, accident or undesirable effect of the plant protection product or adjuvant in question.
- A description of the plant protection product or adjuvant involved
- The nature and circumstances of the adverse reaction in question
- The identity and capacity of the reporter.

The National Food Safety Office, hereinafter referred to as "the Office", shall establish any means by which the above-mentioned persons may report any information of which they are aware concerning an incident, accident, adverse reaction, or resistance, related or likely to be related to a plant protection product or adjuvant.

Article 3: The administrations, referred to in article 5 below, concerned by the national plan of Phyto pharmcovigilance, are each responsible for

- To encourage their services to declare to them any incident or undesirable effect related or likely to be related to a phytopharmaceutical product or an adjuvant of which they would have knowledge.
- To transmit once a year to the Office a summary report containing the information available to them in their field of competence from the declarations, after checking their reliability and relevance, or from their monitoring systems, as well as practical recommendations.
- To give access to the Office and at its request to any other information necessary for Phyto pharmacovigilance.
- Alert the Agency without delay when they become aware of an immediate, serious, or unexpected risk to human health, animal health or the environment related or likely to be related to a plant protection product or adjuvant.

Article 4: Within the framework of the national plan of Phyto pharmacovigilance, the Office is responsible for:

- To proceed with the exploitation of the collected information and the risk assessment
- To take, if necessary, the measures intended to prevent or make stop the undesirable effects of the Phyto pharmaceutical products or the adjuvants within the framework of its missions concerning the authorizations of marketing of the Phyto pharmaceutical products and the adjuvants.
- To provide the administrations referred to in Article 5 below with information on the risks it assesses and on the implementation of risk management measures.
- To invite, in the event of serious risks to human health, animal health or the environment, as soon as possible the administration(s) concerned to identify appropriate measures to reduce these risks to be submitted for the opinion of the commission.

When these measures may affect one or more of the conditions that led to the issuance of the marketing authorization for the plant protection product or adjuvant in question, the Office shall inform the holder of the authorization of its intention and the reasons for re-evaluating the product and shall grant the holder a period to respond. This period varies from one (1) month to six (6) months depending on the seriousness of the incident. At the end of this period, the Office prepares a report on the subject and transmits it to the Commission for its opinion.

After examining and studying this report, the committee may propose one of the following opinions:

- The maintenance of the marketing authorization with possible modifications of certain elements of the authorization.
- Requesting additional information on the adverse effects of the product.
- Duly substantiated withdrawal of the marketing authorization.

Article 5: The content and procedures for establishing, updating, and implementing the national Phyto pharmacovigilance plan are set by joint order of the minister responsible for the interior, the minister responsible for agriculture, the minister responsible for health, the minister responsible for the environment, the minister responsible for water and the minister responsible for employment.

TITLE II: PHYTOPHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

CHAPTER ONE: ACTIVE SUBSTANCES, SAFENERS, SYNERGISTS AND CO-FORMULANTS

Section 1: APPROVAL OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES, PHYTOPROTECTORS AND SYNERGISTS

Article 6: The application for approval of an active substance, a safener or a synergist, referred to in Article 9 of the law No. 34-18 must be submitted to the Office accompanied by the following documents:

1. The application form for approval of an active substance, safener or synergist duly completed, signed, and stamped by the applicant and the model of which is fixed by decision of the Director General of the Office.

2. The administrative file and the technical file including the reports of tests, experiments and studies containing the toxicological, ecotoxicological, analytical, physicochemical, and biological data fixed by order of the Minister in charge of agriculture.
3. The evaluation report or information on the approval of the active substance, safener or synergist from a country included in the list established by order of the Minister for Agriculture.

The applicant must specify in the application for approval of the active substance, safener or synergist, if any, the information that must be treated as confidential by providing proof that the disclosure of such information may harm the commercial interests of the applicant. The type and nature of this information shall be determined by order of the Minister for Agriculture.

Article 7: In the case of a new origin of an active substance, a safener or a synergist, the application for approval must be accompanied by the documents set out in Article 6 above. However, the technical files referred to in Article 6(2) above may contain only the data necessary for the equivalence assessment.

Article 8: The application for renewal of an active substance, a safener or a synergist must be submitted to the Office at least one (1) year before its expiry, otherwise the application will be rejected. It must be accompanied by the documents set out in Article 6 above. However, the technical file referred to in Article 6 (2) above for the renewal application may contain only the new data not submitted at the time of the last approval.

Article 9: The Office acknowledges receipt of the application and then verifies the completeness of the file to rule on the admissibility of the application.

The Office may grant the applicant a period not exceeding six (6) months from the date of notification to complete his file. At the end of this period, and if the applicant has not submitted the requested complement(s), he/she will be informed by letter of the reasons for the inadmissibility.

Article 10: When the application for approval of an active substance, safener or synergist or its renewal is deemed admissible, the data in the file accompanying the application shall be evaluated in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the law No. 34-18 by the Office, which shall prepare the evaluation report to be submitted for the opinion of the Commission.

After examining and studying the evaluation report, the committee may propose, based on the approval criteria set by order of the Minister for Agriculture, one of the following opinions:

- Approval or renewal of the approval of the active substance, safener or synergist
- To keep the application under review for further evaluation
- The refusal of approval or the refusal of renewal of approval, duly motivated.

The decision not to renew the approval implies the withdrawal of marketing authorizations for plant protection products containing the active substance, safener or synergist concerned by the refusal to renew the approval.

Article 11: The decision to approve the active substance, safener or synergist or its renewal shall include the following information:

- The approval numbers.
- The date of expiry of the period of validity of the approval.
- The common name or scientific name of the active substance, safener or synergist.
- The usual identification number, where available, of the active substance, safener or synergist.
- The minimum purity of the active substance, safener or synergist.
- The name and country of the manufacturer of the active substance, safener or synergist.
- Classification.
- Conditions and restrictions of use, if necessary.
- Any other relevant information.

Article 12: In accordance with the provisions of article 10 of the above-mentioned law n°34-18, the Office can recognize, after the opinion of the commission, any active substance as a basic substance according to the conditions and modalities fixed by order of the minister in charge of agriculture.

However, the Office may, after obtaining the opinion of the Commission, withdraw any basic substance from that list in the light of new scientific and technical knowledge, of its undesirable effects on human health, animal health or the environment.

Article 13: Pursuant to the provisions of Article 12 of the law No. 34-18, the Office shall inform the holder(s) of the approval of an active substance, safener or synergist of its intention and the reasons for the re-evaluation of their active substance, safener or synergist and shall grant them a period which may not exceed six (6) months to respond. After this period, the Office shall prepare an assessment report indicating the reasons and conclusions of the said re-evaluation to be submitted to the commission for its opinion.

After reviewing and considering the re-evaluation report, the commission may propose one of the following opinions:

- Continued approval
- Modification of the conditions of approval
- Retention under review for further evaluation
- The withdrawal of approval, with reasons.

The decision to withdraw approval shall entail the withdrawal of authorizations for the placing on the market of plant protection products containing the withdrawn active substance, safener or synergist.

The decision to modify the conditions of approval involves either modifying the marketing authorizations for plant protection products containing the active substance, the safener or the synergist, or their withdrawal depending on the nature of the modification recorded.

Article 14: The application for amendment of the approval of an active substance, safener or synergist of one or more elements of the approval shall be filed with the Office, and shall be accompanied by a dossier containing the following documents and materials:

1. The application form for amendment of approval duly completed, signed, and sealed by the applicant, the model for which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
2. The administrative file and the technical file containing the data according to the nature of the modification and which are fixed by order of the Minister for Agriculture.

The amendment may concern in particular:

- Minimum degree of purity of the active substance, safener or synergist.
- Classification.
- Conditions of use.
- Any reference of an administrative nature.

Article 15: The Office shall acknowledge receipt of the application and shall then check the completeness of the documents to rule on the admissibility of the application.

The Office may grant the applicant a period of time not exceeding six (6) months from the date of notification to complete his file. On expiry of this period, and if the applicant has not submitted the requested supplements, he shall be informed by letter of the reasons for the inadmissibility.

Article 16: Where the application for an amendment to the approval of an active substance, safener or synergist is found to be acceptable, the Office shall prepare the assessment report on the application for the opinion of the Commission.

Following examination and study of the assessment report, and based on the approval criteria laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture, one of the following decisions may be proposed

- Amendment of the approval.
- keeping the application under review for further evaluation.
- The refusal to amend the approval, with reasons.

Where the application for an amendment concerns the administrative statement(s) in the decision approving the active substance, safener or synergist, the Office shall investigate the application and issue one of the decisions referred to above.

Article 17: The application for approval of a low-risk active substance, its modification, its renewal, and the process of its re-evaluation shall be subject to the same provisions applied to active substances, safeners or synergists.

Article 18: The decision to approve, amend, renew, refuse, or withdraw an active substance, safener, synergist or low-risk substance shall be taken by the Director General of the Office after the Commission has given its opinion.

Article 19: The list of active substances, safeners, synergists, the list of approved low-risk substances and the list of recognized basic substances shall be established by order of the Minister for Agriculture.

Section 2: IMPORT AUTHORIZATION FOR ACTIVE SUBSTANCES, PHYTOPROTECTORS AND SYNERGISTS

Article 20: In accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of the law No. 34-18, the application for authorization to import an active substance, a safener or an approved synergist, or for its renewal, shall be filed with the Office by any legal person authorized to manufacture plant protection products. The application shall be accompanied by the following documents

- 1) The application form for import authorization of an active substance, safener or synergist, duly completed, signed, and sealed by the applicant, the model of which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
- 2) The letter of consent from the manufacturer notifying his agreement to supply the applicant with the active substance, safener or synergist concerned.

Article 21: An application for renewal of an authorization to import an approved active substance, safener or synergist must be submitted to the Office at least three (3) months before its expiry date, otherwise it will be rejected.

Article 22: The Office shall acknowledge receipt of the application and shall then check the completeness of the file to rule on the admissibility of the application.

The Office may grant the applicant a period of time not exceeding one (1) month from the date of notification to complete his file. On expiry of this period, if the applicant has not submitted the additional documents or missing documents, he will be informed by letter of the reasons for the inadmissibility.

Article 23: When the application for authorization to import the active substance, safener or synergist or its renewal is found to be admissible, the Office shall proceed to examine the application referred to in Article 20 above and may take one of the following decisions:

- The granting of the import authorization,
- The refusal to grant the import authorization, with reasons.

Article 24: The import authorization for the active substance, safener or synergist or its renewal shall include the following information:

- The number of the import authorization decision
- The date of expiry of the import authorization
- The common name or scientific name of the active substance, safener or synergist
- The usual identification number, where available, of the active substance, safener or synergist,
- The minimum purity of the active substance, safener or synergist,
- Its approval number,
- The name and country of the manufacturer of the active substance, safener or synergist,
- The destination of the active substance, safener or synergist,
- The name of the holder of the import authorization,
- Classification,
- Conditions and restrictions of use, if any.
- Any other useful information.

Article 25: The Office may withdraw the import authorization when the approval of the active substance, safener or synergist has been withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 above. In addition, this authorization may be withdrawn pursuant to the provisions of Articles 15 and 20 of the above-mentioned law No. 34-18.

In accordance with Article 21 of the law No. 34-18, the holder of the withdrawn import authorization must declare to the Office, within a maximum period of one (1) year from the date of the decision to withdraw, the quantities of active substances, safeners or synergists to be exported or transferred in accordance with the procedures laid down by order of the Minister responsible for agriculture

The conditions and procedures for disposing of active substances, safeners or synergists that are not exported or transferred are laid down by joint order of the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for the Environment.

Article 26: The decision to authorize, renew, refuse, or withdraw the import of the active substance, safener or synergist shall be taken by the Director General of the Office.

Section 3: PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CO-FORMULANTS

Article 27: The inclusion of a co-formulant which may not be included in the composition of plant protection products or in the composition of adjuvants shall be decided on after an opinion has been given by the Commission, which may propose one of the following decisions

- The inclusion of the co-formulant in the list provided for in Article 23 of the abovementioned law No. 34-18.
- Continued study for further evaluation.
- Nonregistration of the co-formulant.

The list of co-formulants which must not be included in the composition of a plant protection product or adjuvant is laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture.

CHAPTER 2: PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS AND ADJUVANTS

Section 1: Authorization for placing plant protection products and adjuvants on the market

Article 28: In accordance with the provisions of Article 26 of the law No. 34-18, the application for authorization to place a plant protection product or an adjuvant on the market shall be submitted to the Office accompanied by the following documents

- 1) The duly completed application form for authorization to place a plant protection product or an adjuvant on the market, the model for which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
- 2) The dossier composed of an administrative part and a scientific and technical part containing the toxicological, ecotoxicological, analytical, physicochemical, and biological data laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture.
- 3) The assessment report or the information on the marketing authorization when the plant protection product or adjuvant is authorized in a country that appears on the list established by order of the Minister for Agriculture.

The applicant may specify in the application for authorization to place the plant protection product or adjuvant on the market the information that must be treated as confidential, providing proof that the disclosure of that information may harm the applicant's commercial

interests. The type and nature of that information shall be laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture.

Article 29: The application for renewal of an authorization to place a plant protection product or an adjuvant on the market must be submitted to the Office at least one (1) year before it expires, on pain of rejection. It must be accompanied by the documents specified in Article 28 above. However, the file referred to in Article 28(2) above for the renewal application may consist only of an administrative part and new scientific and technical data not submitted at the time of the last marketing authorization.

Article 30: The Office shall acknowledge receipt of the application and shall then check the completeness of the file to rule on the admissibility of the application.

The Office may grant the applicant a period of time, which may not exceed six (6) months from the date of notification, to complete his file. On expiry of this period, if the applicant has not submitted the requested supplements, he shall be informed by letter of the reasons for inadmissibility.

Article 31: When the application for authorization to place a plant protection product or an adjuvant on the market, or for its renewal, is deemed admissible, the data in the file accompanying the application shall be evaluated in accordance with the provisions of Article 27 of the law No. 34-18 by the Office, which shall prepare the evaluation report to be submitted to the Commission for its opinion.

After examining and studying the assessment report, the committee may propose, on the basis of the marketing authorization criteria laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture, one of the following opinions.

- The granting of marketing authorization.
- Keeping the application under review for further assessment.
- The refusal of the marketing authorization, with reasons.

Article 32: The decision to authorize the placing on the market of the plant protection product or adjuvant or its renewal shall include the following information:

- The number of the marketing authorization.
- The expiry date of the marketing authorization.
- The trade name of the plant protection product or adjuvant.
- The content of active substance(s), safener(s) and/or synergist(s) in the case of a plant protection product or the content of co-formulant(s) in the case of an adjuvant.
- The type of formulation.

- The name of the marketing authorization holder.
- The name of the supplier of the plant protection product or adjuvant.
- Permitted use(s).
- Agricultural practices for each use.
- Classification, risk phrases and precautionary phrases.
- Precautions to be taken by holders, users, and handlers of the product; where appropriate.
- Restrictions, if any.
- Contraindications and antidotes when they exist.
- Description of the packaging.
- Any other relevant information.

Article 33: In accordance with the provisions of article 54 of the law n°34-18, when a phytopharmaceutical product or an adjuvant requires particular conditions of use, the Office can fix these conditions, by order of the minister in charge of agriculture.

Article 34: Pursuant to the provisions of Article 30 of the law n°34-18, the Office shall inform the holder of the marketing authorization of a plant protection product or an adjuvant of its intention and the reasons for the re-evaluation of its plant protection product or adjuvant and shall grant it a period of time which may not exceed six (6) months to respond. After this period, the Office shall prepare an assessment report stating the reasons and conclusions of the re-evaluation for the opinion of the Commission.

After reviewing and considering the re-evaluation report, the panel may propose one of the following opinions:

- The maintenance of the marketing authorization.
- The variation of the terms of the marketing authorization.
- The withdrawal of the marketing authorization, with reasons.

Article 35: Any person holding an authorization to place a plant protection product or an adjuvant on the market may apply for the amendment of certain particulars on his authorization.

The amendment may concern in particular:

- The composition when it is a minor change.
- Physicochemical property(ies).
- The use(s).
- Conditions of use including agricultural practices.
- Classification.
- Packaging.
- Any reference of an administrative nature.

The application shall be filed with the Office and shall be accompanied by the following documents

- 1) The application form for amendment of the marketing authorization of a plant protection product or an adjuvant duly completed by the applicant, the model for which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
- 2) The file consisting of an administrative part laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture.
- 3) Where the application for a modification concerns a change in its composition, physicochemical properties, uses, conditions of use, classification or packaging, a file consisting of a scientific and technical part laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture according to the nature of the modification.

Article 36: Where an application for a modification of the authorization of a plant protection product or an adjuvant is deemed admissible, the examination of the application shall be carried out by the Office, which shall draw up an assessment report.

Where the application for a change concerns composition, physicochemical properties, uses, conditions of use, classification or packaging, the Office shall prepare the assessment report for the Commission's opinion.

After examining and studying the assessment report, and on the basis of the marketing authorization criteria laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture, the Commission may propose one of the following decisions:

- The amendment of the authorization.
- Keeping the application under review for further evaluation.
- The refusal of the modification of the authorization, duly motivated.

Where the application for a variation concerns the administrative statement(s) in the decision authorizing the placing on the market of the plant protection product or adjuvant, the Office shall investigate the application and issue one of the above decisions.

Article 37: The application for a marketing authorization for a low-risk plant protection product, its modification or renewal, as well as the process of its re-evaluation, shall be subject to the same provisions applied to plant protection products or adjuvants.

Article 38: In addition to the cases provided for in Articles 4 and 34 above, the Office may withdraw the marketing authorization for a plant protection product or adjuvant pursuant to the provisions of Articles 35 and 36 of the above-mentioned law No. 34-18.

Article 39: In accordance with articles 35, 36, 37, 38 and 60 of the aforementioned law No. 34-18, the modalities for the withdrawal of plant protection products or adjuvants from the market by the holder of the marketing authorization are fixed by order of the minister in charge of agriculture.

Article 40: In accordance with articles 36 and 37 of the aforementioned law No. 34-18, the procedures for disposing of plant protection products or adjuvants are laid down by joint order of the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of the Environment.

Article 41: The decision to authorize the placing on the market of a plant protection product or adjuvant, to amend, renew, reject, or withdraw it shall be taken by the Director General of the Office.

Article 42: In application of article 32 of the aforementioned law No. 34-18, the professional agricultural organization requesting the extension of the use, for a minor use of a phytopharmaceutical product, benefiting from a marketing authorization must accompany its request with the following documents

- 1) The application form for extension of the marketing authorization of a plant protection product for a minor use, duly completed by the applicant, the model for which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
- 2) The scientific and technical file established by order of the Minister for Agriculture.

The Office shall acknowledge receipt of the application and shall then check the completeness of the file to rule on the admissibility of the application and may grant the applicant a period of time, which may not exceed six (6) months from the date of notification, in which to complete his file. At the end of this period, if the applicant has not submitted the requested supplements, he/she will be informed by letter of the reasons for the inadmissibility.

Where the application is found to be admissible, the Office shall prepare the report on the evaluation of the application and shall take the decision on whether to grant or refuse an extension of use for a minor use of a plant protection product.

Where the minor use is granted, the Office shall inform the applicant and the marketing authorization holder of the plant protection product concerned.

Article 43: The labels affixed or stuck to the packaging of the plant protection product and adjuvant placed on the market, and where appropriate the leaflet accompanying the packaging, must comply with the indications and labelling information given in the authorization for placing the plant protection product or adjuvant on the market.

The classification, labelling and packaging specifications for plant protection products and adjuvants are laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture.

The labels of plant protection products and adjuvants intended for use in experiments shall bear the particulars and information provided for in Article 56 below.

The indications and information on the labels must be written in Arabic and French.

Article 44: Unless otherwise specified in the letter accompanying the decision on the amendment of the marketing authorization, the label of the plant protection product or adjuvant concerned shall be in accordance with the duly amended marketing authorization. However, time limits for amending the labelling shall be granted to the marketing authorization holder as follows:

- A maximum period of three (3) months from the notification of the decision to amend the marketing authorization to amend the labels of the plant protection product or adjuvant held by the registrant and cannot be transferred to anyone else until the labels are changed.
- A maximum period of twelve (12) months from the notification of the decision to amend the marketing authorization to amend the labels of the plant protection product or adjuvant placed on the market.
- A maximum period of eighteen (18) months from the notification of the decision to amend the marketing authorization to amend the labels of the plant protection product or adjuvant where the amendment consists of a broadening of its uses or a reduction of its precautions for use.

Section 2: Importation of seeds treated with a plant protection product

Article 45: Without prejudice to the legislation and regulations applicable to the importation of seeds, seeds treated with a plant protection product having the marketing authorization provided for in article 24 of the above-mentioned law No. 34-18 may be imported.

If the plant protection product used for the treatment of imported seeds does not benefit from the marketing authorization, the import of these seeds may be authorized if the country of export is included in the list of countries provided for in Article 27 of the aforementioned law No. 34-18, and if they are treated with a plant protection product that has a marketing authorization in the said country.

The labelling accompanying the imported processed seed shall state:

- The name of the active substance(s).
- The name of the plant protection product(s), if applicable.
- Hazard phrases.

- The words "Not for human or animal consumption".
- Risk reduction measures, if any.

Article 46: In application of the provisions of article 43 of the above-mentioned law No. 34-18, are fixed by joint order of the minister in charge of agriculture and the minister in charge of environment, the modalities of destruction or export of imported treated seeds withdrawn by the holder of the import authorization at his own expense and risk.

Section 3: Testing of plant protection products and adjuvants

Article 47: In accordance with the provisions of Article 46 of the aforementioned law No. 34-18, the application for authorization to experiment with a plant protection product or an adjuvant shall be submitted to the Office accompanied by the following documents

- 1) the application form for testing a plant protection product or an adjuvant duly completed by the applicant, the model for which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
- 2) where the product does not have a marketing authorization, the safety data sheet for the product.
- 3) evidence of agricultural practices for the claimed use, if applicable.

Article 48: The Office shall acknowledge receipt of the application and shall then check the completeness of the file to decide on the admissibility of the application and may grant the applicant a period of time which may not exceed one year.

(1) month from the date of notification to complete the file. At the end of this period, if the applicant has not submitted the requested supplements, he/she will be informed by letter of the reasons for the inadmissibility.

Article 49: Where the application referred to in Article 47 above is found to be admissible, the Office shall proceed with its examination and may take one of the following decisions

- The granting of authorization for experimentation.
- The refusal to grant authorization for experimentation, duly substantiated.

The decision to authorize the testing of a plant protection product or an adjuvant shall be taken by the Director General of the Office for a single use.

Article 50: The Office may withdraw the authorization for experimentation of a plant protection product or an adjuvant in application of the provisions of Article 48 of the aforementioned law No. 34-18.

The decision to withdraw the experimental authorization shall be taken by the Director General of the Office with immediate effect.

The holder of the experimental authorization shall immediately stop all experiments with the plant protection product or adjuvant concerned.

Article 51: The decision to authorize testing of a plant protection product or adjuvant or its modification shall include the following information:

- The number of the experimental authorization.
- The expiry date of the experimental authorization.
- The name of the plant protection product or adjuvant.
- The category.
- The content of active substance(s), safener(s) and/or synergist(s) in the case of a plant protection product or the content of co-formulant(s) in the case of an adjuvant.
- The name of the holder of the authorization for experimentation.
- The authorized use and associated agricultural practices.
- Any other relevant information.

Article 52: In accordance with the provisions of Article 51 of the aforementioned law No. 34-18, the application for authorization to import samples of a plant protection product or an adjuvant that does not have a marketing authorization shall be submitted to the Office accompanied by the following documents

- 1) The application form for authorization to import samples of a plant protection product or an adjuvant, duly completed by the applicant, the model for which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
- 2) The safety data sheet of the product.

Article 53: The Office shall acknowledge receipt of the application and shall then verify the completeness of the file to decide on the admissibility of the application and may grant a time limit to the applicant which may not exceed one (1) month from the date of notification to complete his file. At the end of this period, if the applicant has not submitted the requested supplements, he/she will be informed by letter of the reasons for the inadmissibility.

Article 54: When the application for authorization to import samples of a plant protection product or adjuvant is deemed admissible, the Office shall proceed with its examination and may take one of the following decisions:

- The granting of authorization to import samples.
- The refusal to grant authorization to import samples, with reasons.

The decision to authorize the import of a sample of a plant protection product or an adjuvant shall be granted by the Director General of the Office for a limited quantity, to be imported on a single occasion, and calculated considering the experiments concerned by the said product. The period of validity of such a decision may not exceed that of the experimental authorization to which it is attached.

Article 55: The decision to authorize the import of samples of a plant protection product or adjuvant or its modification shall include the following information:

- The sample import authorization number.
- The expiry date of the sample import authorization.
- The name of the plant protection product or adjuvant.
 - The content of active substance(s), safener(s) and/or synergist(s) in the case of a plant protection product or the content of co-formulant(s) in the case of an adjuvant.
- The name of the holder of the import authorization for the samples.
- The quantity of the product allowed.
 - The number of the experimental authorization decision to which it is attached.
- Any other relevant information.

Article 56: Samples of a plant protection product or an adjuvant intended for experimentation shall bear a label affixed to their packaging with the following information

- The words "Plant protection product intended for experimentation" or "Adjuvant intended for experimentation" as appropriate.
- The sample import authorization number.
- The name of the plant protection product or adjuvant.
- The category.
 - The content of active substance(s), safener(s) and/or synergist(s) in the case of a plant protection product or the content of co-formulant(s) in the case of an adjuvant.
- The name of the holder of the authorization to import the samples.
- The name of the supplier of the samples.
- Risk phrases and associated precautionary phrases.
- Precautions to be taken by users and handlers.
- Contraindications and antidotes, if any, when they exist.

Article 57: The Office may withdraw the authorization to import samples of a plant protection product or an adjuvant when it is found that the holder of the authorization has not complied with one of the conditions for its issuance, in particular the use of the sample for

purposes other than those provided for in the experimental authorizations granted and currently valid, or that the labeling of the samples does not comply with the provisions of Article 56 above.

Article 58: The modalities for transferring samples of plant protection products or adjuvants to a legal person holding the approval provided for in article 49 of the aforementioned law No 34-18 for the purpose of continuing the experimentation are fixed by order of the minister in charge of agriculture.

Article 59: In application of the provisions of article 52 of the law No. 34-18, are fixed by joint order of the minister in charge of agriculture and the minister in charge of the environment, the modalities of elimination of samples of phytopharmaceutical products or adjuvants.

Article 60: In application of the provisions of article 53 of the law No. 34-18, are fixed by:

- (b) a joint order of the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for the Environment, laying down the procedures for disposing of unused samples and residues of samples of plant protection products or adjuvants at the end of experiments.
- (b) the conditions and procedures for the destruction of the plants and plant products on which the samples have been tested, by order of the Minister responsible for agriculture.

Article 61: In accordance with the provisions of Article 49 of the Law No. 3418, the application for approval to carry out the activities of experimentation of plant protection products and adjuvants, its modification, or its renewal shall be submitted by a public body or a legal person of private law. This application must be accompanied by the following documents:

- 1) The application form for approval to carry out testing of plant protection products and adjuvants, duly completed by the applicant for approval, the model for which is laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
- 2) The specifications duly completed and signed by the applicant for approval in accordance with the model laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture.
- 3) Copies of evidence of the human resources qualified to carry out the testing of plant protection products and adjuvants.
- 4) Copies of evidence of the material resources needed to carry out the testing of plant protection products and adjuvants.
- 5) Copies of the supporting documents for the premises, facilities, laboratories and/or means of transport made available for testing plant protection products and adjuvants.

Article 62: The Office shall acknowledge receipt of the application and shall then check the completeness of the file to rule on the admissibility of the application.

The Office may grant the applicant a period of time, which may not exceed six (6) months, to complete his file. On expiry of this period, and if the applicant has not submitted the requested supplements, he shall be informed by letter with the reasons for the inadmissibility.

Article 63: When the application for approval to carry out the activities of experimentation of plant protection products and adjuvants, its modification, or its renewal is considered admissible, the Office proceeds to its instruction which consists in the examination of the documents, and the study of the audit report drawn up by the agents of the Office following their visit on the spot in accordance with article 49 of the law No. 34-18

Where it appears that one or more of the requirements necessary for the issue of the approval have not been met, the applicant shall be invited to correct the non-conformities or shortcomings noted within a period which may not exceed three (3) months. After this period and if he has not complied, the application shall be rejected.

Article 64: When it is established that the applicant meets the requirements, the approval shall be issued by the Office to carry out the experimental activities requested and for a period of validity that may not exceed five (5) years from the date of its issuance. It may be renewed for the same period and under the same conditions as those which led to its issue. The application for renewal of the approval must be submitted to the Office at least one (1) year before its expiry, otherwise it will be rejected.

The approval granted to carry out testing of plant protection products and adjuvants is personal and may not be transferred or assigned in any way whatsoever.

Article 65: The holder of the approval for experimentation must keep and update a register showing in chronological order all the operations he carries out under the said approval in accordance with the model laid down by order of the Minister responsible for agriculture.

Article 66: The holder of the approval to carry out the activities of experimentation of plant protection products and adjuvants is required to submit to controls and audits by the agents of the Office for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the conditions that led to the issue of the said approval.

Article 67: Any change in one or more conditions or requirements having given rise to the approval shall be notified by the holder of the approval to the Office within a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days from the date of the change. To this end, the Office shall examine the change made and shall decide to give formal notice to the holder of the approval

to comply again with the conditions and requirements of the approval within a period which may not exceed three (3) months. After this period, and if the conditions and requirements for issuing the approval are still not corrected, the approval shall be suspended for a period not exceeding six (6) months. However, changes that may affect the reliability of the test results shall result in immediate suspension of the approval.

Before the expiry of this period, the holder of the approval must submit a request for the lifting of the suspension, under penalty of rejection, accompanied by the documents justifying the correction of the non-conformities or shortcomings noted.

At the end of this period, if the non-conformities or deficiencies found have not been remedied, the approval shall be withdrawn. However, if the non-conformities or deficiencies have been corrected, the suspension of the approval shall be lifted.

Article 68: The decision on the approval to carry out the activities of experimentation of plant protection products and adjuvants, its modification, renewal, suspension, lifting of suspension, refusal or withdrawal shall be taken by the Director General of the Office.

TITLE III: APPROVAL AND INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES

CHAPTER ONE: APPROVALS

Article 69: In accordance with the provisions of Article 67 of the law No. 34-18, this chapter lays down the procedures for granting, renewing, suspending, and withdrawing the approval issued by the Office for the exercise of the activities of manufacturing, repackaging, importing, wholesale distribution, retail distribution of plant protection products and adjuvants as well as the provision of services for their use.

Article 70: In accordance with the provisions of Article 62 of the law No. 34-18, the application for approval to carry out the activities of manufacturing, repackaging, importing, wholesale distribution, retail distribution of plant protection products and adjuvants as well as the provision of services for their use, or its renewal, must be filed by any legal person filed with the Office accompanied by the following documents

- 1) The application form duly completed by the applicant, the model for which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
- 2) The specifications duly completed and signed by the applicant for approval in accordance with the model laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture.
- 3) A copy of the valid individual certificate of the person employed by the applicant to carry out the requested activity.

- 4) A copy of the salary declaration certificate from the National Social Security Fund of the person holding the individual certificate.
- 5) A copy of the certificate of insurance for professional liability valid for the time being.
- 6) A copy of the operating permit for the premises issued by the competent authorities in accordance with the regulations in force.
- 7) A copy of the proof of ownership or lease of the premises.
- 8) A copy of the company's statutes.

Article 71: The application for approval to carry out the activity of retail distribution of plant protection products and adjuvants, or its renewal, may be filed by any natural person at the Office accompanied by the following documents

- 1) The application form duly completed, signed, and sealed by the applicant, the model for which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
- 2) The specifications duly completed and signed by the applicant for approval in accordance with the model laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture.
- 3) A copy of the applicant's valid individual certificate or that of the person employed by the applicant to carry out the retail distribution activity.
- 4) A copy of the salary declaration certificate from the National Social Security Fund of the person holding the individual certificate if he/she is an employee.
- 5) A copy of the certificate of insurance for professional liability valid for the time being.
- 6) A copy of the operating permit for the premises issued by the competent authorities in accordance with the regulations in force.
- 7) A copy of the proof of ownership or lease of the premises.

Article 72: The requirements for carrying out the activities referred to in article 69 above shall be laid down by order of the Minister responsible for agriculture. To this end, the applicant shall ensure that he meets these requirements, those relating to the organization and management of his premises or business, the management of his material and human resources according to the nature of the activity requested and the keeping of the register corresponding to the exercise of his activity.

Without prejudice to other regulations applicable to the premises where industrial and economic activities are carried out, manufacturing, repackaging, importing and wholesale distribution activities shall be carried out in premises located in an area recognized as an industrial or Agro-pole zone, or in premises that comply with the regulations on environmental impact studies in force.

Article 73: The Office shall acknowledge receipt of the application for approval or its renewal and shall then check the completeness of the file to rule on the admissibility of the application.

The Office may grant the applicant a period not exceeding six (6) months from the date of notification to complete his file. On expiry of this period, if the applicant has not submitted the requested supplements, he shall be informed by letter with the reasons for the inadmissibility.

Article 74: When the application for approval or its renewal is deemed admissible, the Office shall proceed with its examination, which shall consist in the examination of documents and records and, if necessary, the visit of the premises by the agents of the Office to ensure that it meets the requirements provided for in Article 72 above.

Where it appears that one or more requirements have not been met, the applicant shall be invited to rectify the non-conformities or shortcomings within a period not exceeding three (3) months. After this period and if he has not complied, the application shall be refused.

When following the instructions, it is established that the applicant meets the requirements, approval is issued for the activity requested for a period of validity of ten (10) years. It may be renewed for the same period under the same conditions as those which allowed its issuance. The application for renewal of the approval must be submitted to the Office at least one (1) year before its expiry, otherwise it will be rejected.

Article 75: The holder of the approval for the exercise of the activities of manufacture, repackaging, importation, wholesale distribution, retail distribution of plant protection products and adjuvants as well as the provision of services for their use must keep and update a register tracing in chronological order all the operations that he carries out within the framework of the aforementioned approval in accordance with the model fixed by order of the Minister in charge of agriculture.

Article 76: Any change in one or more conditions or requirements having given rise to the approval must be notified by the holder of the approval to the Office within a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days from the date of the change. To this end, the Office shall examine the change made and shall decide to give formal notice to the holder of the approval to comply again with the conditions and requirements of the approval within a period which may not exceed three months. After this period, and if the conditions and requirements for issuing the approval are still not corrected, the approval shall be suspended for a period not exceeding (6) months.

Before the expiry of this period, the holder of the approval must submit a request for the lifting of the suspension, under penalty of rejection, accompanied by the documents justifying the correction of the non-conformities or shortcomings noted.

At the end of this period, if the non-conformities or deficiencies have not been remedied, the approval shall be withdrawn. However, if the non-conformities or deficiencies have been corrected, the suspension of the approval shall be lifted.

Article 77: In addition to the case provided for in article 76 above, the Office may withdraw the approval in case of non-compliance with the provisions of article 65 of the above-mentioned law No. 34-18.

The decision to withdraw approval to carry out the activities of importing or manufacturing plant protection products and adjuvants shall entail the withdrawal of marketing authorizations, the withdrawal of import authorizations for active substances, safeners and synergists, the withdrawal of experimentation authorizations, the withdrawal of import authorizations for samples held by the holder of the withdrawn approval.

Article 78: In the event of withdrawal of the approval to carry out the activities of import or manufacture, repackaging, import, wholesale distribution, retail distribution of plant protection products and adjuvants as well as the provision of services for their use or in the event of expiry of its period of validity, the holder of the withdrawn approval must cease all activities as from the date of the decision of withdrawal

In the event of suspension of approval, the holder of the suspended approval must cease all activity from the date of the decision to suspend until the suspension is lifted.

Article 79: The stocks provided for in Article 66 of the above-mentioned Law No 34-18 held by the persons concerned by the expiry of the period of validity of the approval or its withdrawal shall be managed in accordance with the procedures laid down by order of the Minister responsible for agriculture.

Article 80: The decision on approval to carry out the activities of manufacturing, repackaging, importing, wholesale distribution, retail distribution of plant protection products and adjuvants as well as the provision of services for their use, its renewal, suspension, lifting of suspension, refusal or withdrawal shall be taken by the Director General of the Office.

Approved persons shall refer in their commercial documents to the approval they hold and shall display it in the premises accessible to customers.

CHAPTER 2: INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES

Article 81: The application for an individual certificate to carry out the activity of manufacturing, repackaging, and importing plant protection products and adjuvants, or its renewal, must be submitted to the Office accompanied by the following documents

1. The application form for the individual certificate, duly completed by the applicant, the model for which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
2. A copy of the applicant's national identity card.
3. The required copy of the diploma.

Article 82: The application for an individual certificate to carry out the activity of wholesale distribution, retail distribution or provision of services of plant protection products and adjuvants or its renewal must be submitted to the Office accompanied by the following documents

1. The application form for the individual certificate duly completed by the applicant, the model for which shall be laid down by decision of the Director General of the Office.
2. A copy of the applicant's national identity card.
3. A copy of the required diploma or certificate of training leading to a qualification to carry out the activity requested.

Article 83: The Office shall acknowledge receipt of the application for approval or its renewal and shall then check the completeness of the file to rule on the admissibility of the application.

The Office shall examine the application for an individual certificate or its renewal and shall allow the applicant a period not exceeding three (3) months to complete his file. On expiry of the period granted, and if the applicant has not submitted the additional information requested, he shall be informed by letter of the reasons for inadmissibility.

Where the application is found to be admissible, the Office shall proceed to examine it, after which it may either grant the individual certificate or refuse the application.

When the application for renewal of the individual certificate is examined, the holder must prove that he has maintained his knowledge and skills in the field of activity applied for in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down by the order of the Minister for Agriculture. Failing this, the holder must repeat the training when it is found that he has not maintained his knowledge or skills in the field of activity covered by the individual

certificate applied for. The application for renewal of the individual certificate must be submitted to the Office at least six (6) months before its expiry, failing which it shall be rejected.

Article 84: The decision on the individual certificate, its renewal, refusal, or withdrawal shall be taken by the Director General of the Office.

Article 85: In accordance with Article 68 of the above-mentioned law No. 34-18, the following shall be fixed by order of the Minister responsible for agriculture:

- The nature of the diplomas required to obtain individual certificates.
- The conditions, procedures, content, and duration of training for the issue of certificates of qualification.
- The list of establishments providing training and issuing certificates of qualification.

Article 86: To ensure the proper application of good plant protection practices referred to in article 54 of the law No. 34-18, any person using plant protection products during his professional activities may only apply plant protection products and adjuvants through the services of a legal person approved to provide such services in accordance with article 61 of the law No. 34-18.

However, the application of plant protection products and adjuvants may be carried out by the farmer for his own crops or by one of his employees, himself or his employee holds a qualification card for the application of plant protection products. The following shall be laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture:

- The conditions, procedures, content, and duration of training for the issue of the qualification card for the application of plant protection products.
- the list of organizations and institutions providing training and issuing qualification for the application of plant protection products.

TITLE IV: INSPECTIONS, RESERCH AND FINDINGS OF INFRACTIONS

Article 87: In accordance with article 70 of the law No. 34-18, the agents empowered to note and investigate the infringements of the provisions of this law and of its texts taken for its application are the regular agents belonging to the competent services of the Office.

To work as an official, such officials shall take an oath in accordance with the legislation in force on the oath of official officers. They shall carry and wear in a visible manner, when carrying out their duties, a professional card issued by the Director General of the Office in

accordance with the model laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture, enabling them to be identified with the department to which they are attached.

Article 88: The agents referred to in article 87 above shall carry out control operations to verify compliance with the provisions of the above-mentioned law No. 34-18.

Where an infringement is found, the authorized agents of the Office may draw up an official report in accordance with the model laid down by order of the Minister responsible for agriculture. In this case, and without prejudice to the measures that may be taken by the Office against the offender in accordance with the provisions of the law No. 34-18, the official report of the infringement shall be transmitted to the competent court.

In addition, when it is found that plant protection products, adjuvants, active substances, safeners or synergists do not comply with the provisions of the law No. 34-18, the authorized agents of the Office may draw up a consignment report in accordance with the model established by order of the Minister responsible for agriculture.

Article 89: The control of plant protection products and adjuvants manufactured, repackaged, held, distributed, sold, or offered for sale is carried out by the authorized agents of the Office to verify whether these products comply with their marketing authorization. This control is divided into three stages:

- Documentary control.
- Identity and physical control.
- Analytical control whenever necessary.

Where authorized officers of the Office order the taking of samples of plant protection products or adjuvants, they may keep them on file pending the results of laboratory analyses.

At the end of this control, the authorized agents of the Office shall notify by any means the holder of the product(s) concerned of the decision of conformity of the product(s) or shall proceed to the verbalization of the infringement in accordance with Article 88 above.

These provisions shall also apply to samples of plant protection products and adjuvants intended for testing.

Article 90: The control of active substances, safeners and synergists manufactured, held, distributed, sold, or offered for sale shall be carried out by the authorized officers of the Office to check whether they comply with their approval. This control is divided into three stages

- Documentary control.

- Identity and physical check.
- Analytical control whenever necessary.

Where authorized officers of the Agency order the taking of samples of the active substances, safeners or synergists, they may record them pending the results of laboratory analysis.

On completion of the check, the authorized officials of the Office shall notify the holder of the decision on the conformity of the product(s) concerned or shall proceed to write off the infringement in accordance with Article 88 above.

Article 91: In accordance with the provisions of articles 74 and 75 of the law No. 34-18, the authorized agents of the Office may, during their control operations, order samples of plant protection products and adjuvants to be taken for laboratory analysis. In this case, the products concerned are consigned until the results of the analyses are received.

The sample shall be taken in three parts, one of which shall be sent to the laboratory for analysis, the second shall be given to the holder of the product or his representative, and the third shall be kept as a witness, which may be used for a second analysis.

If the holder of the plant protection product, adjuvant, active substance, safener or synergist refuses to keep the sample intended for him, this refusal shall be recorded in the sampling report.

All samples taken are sealed and given an identification number. Samples taken shall be recorded in a sampling report in accordance with the provisions of Article 73 of the law No 34-18, in accordance with the model laid down by order of the Minister for Agriculture.

On receipt of the laboratory test results, the authorized officers of the Office may order the release of the products concerned by the inspection if the results are found to be in order. On the other hand, they may order the elimination of the consigned products when the laboratory test results are deemed to be non-compliant.

The model of the order for the lifting of the deposit and the model of the order for the disposal of products shall be laid down by order of the Minister responsible for agriculture.

Article 92: When the authorized agents of the Office order the elimination of phytopharmaceutical products, adjuvants, active substances, safeners, synergists, treated seeds, treated plants and plant products, the offender must take charge of the transport of the products in question to companies specialized in the storage and elimination of dangerous

products in accordance with the regulations in force within the time limit fixed in the report and which cannot exceed six (6) months. If at the end of this period, the offender has not proceeded to the elimination of the products in question, the Office shall refer the matter to the competent jurisdiction.

Without prejudice to the provisions of law No. 28-00 on waste management and disposal and the texts taken for its implementation, the conditions, and procedures for the disposal of plant protection products, adjuvants, active substances, safeners, synergists, treated seeds, plants and plant products or their export are set by joint order of the ministers responsible for agriculture and the environment

Article 93: Import controls on plant protection products, adjuvants, active substances, safeners and synergists shall be carried out either at the customs point of entry or at an approved customs facility. In the latter case, the plant protection products, adjuvants, active substances, safeners or synergists must remain under customs seal until the arrival of the Office's authorized control officers.

The importer who holds a marketing authorization for the plant protection product or adjuvant, an import authorization for active substances, safeners and synergists, or an import authorization for samples of a plant protection product or adjuvant, or his representative, shall apply for control to the Office after registering his customs declaration for the imported goods. Once the application has been received, the Office will carry out an inspection of the imported goods. This control is divided into three stages, namely

- Documentary control.
- Identity and physical control.
- Analytical control whenever necessary.

The authorized officials of the Office may order samples to be taken of imported plant protection products, adjuvants, active substances, safeners or synergists which remain blocked in customs until the results of laboratory analyses are received.

At the end of the import control, one of the following decisions shall be taken:

- Admission of products for importation, or,
- Consignment pending laboratory results or compliance.
- Rejection or disposal of the products at the importer's expense.

The decision taken, duly signed by the authorized officials of the Office who carried out the check, shall be notified to the importer.

These provisions shall also apply to the importation of samples of plant protection products and an adjuvant.

Article 94: Without prejudice to the regulations and control procedures applicable to the import of seeds, the officials of the Office shall check treated seeds imported with a plant protection product, either at the point of entry under customs control or at an approved place under customs control, to verify whether they comply with the conditions for their import.

At the end of the import control of treated seed, one of the following decisions shall be taken:

- Admission of treated seed for importation, or,
- Rejection or disposal of treated seed at the importer's expense.

Article 95: During the period of validity of the approval to carry out the activities of manufacturing, repackaging, importing, wholesale distribution or retail distribution of plant protection products and adjuvants as well as the provision of services for their use, the authorized agents may carry out checks to ensure that the conditions and requirements for its issuance are still met.

If, during the inspection or on-the-spot visit, it is found that one or more of the conditions under which the approval was issued are no longer met, the approval may be suspended to enable the holder to take the necessary measures to comply with those conditions again.

The decision to suspend approval shall specify the non-conformities or deficiencies found and the period within which the approval holder must remedy the said non-conformities or deficiencies, which may not exceed six (6) months from the date of the said decision.

Before the expiry of this period, the holder of the approval must submit a request for the lifting of the suspension, on pain of rejection, accompanied by the documents justifying the correction of the non-conformities or shortcomings noted.

Depending on the nature of the non-conformities or deficiencies, on-site verification visits may be conducted by the Office's agents.

At the end of this period, if the non-conformities or deficiencies found have not been remedied, the approval shall be withdrawn. Otherwise, the suspension of the approval shall be lifted.

Article 96: During the period of validity of the approval to carry out the activities of testing plant protection products and adjuvants, the authorized agents may carry out checks to verify whether:

- The conditions for obtaining approval and the requirements for carrying on the activity are met by the holder of the approval,
- Plant protection products and adjuvants intended for testing are authorized for placing on the market or if they have the corresponding authorization for importing samples,
- The plants or plant products on which the experiment was carried out shall be destroyed in accordance with Article 60 above.

If, during the inspection or on-the-spot visit, it is found that one or more of the conditions under which approval was granted are no longer fulfilled, approval shall be withdrawn. The decision to withdraw approval shall mention the non-conformities or shortcomings found.

The holder of the withdrawn approval may only submit a new application for approval in accordance with Article 69 above after the expiry of a period of six (6) months from the date of the decision to withdraw the approval.

Where it is found that a plant protection product or adjuvant intended for experimentation is not authorized, or plants or plant products on which the experimentation has been carried out are not destroyed, the authorized officers of the Office shall proceed to penalize the offence in accordance with article 88 above.

Article 97: In accordance with the provisions of article 54 of the aforementioned law n°34-18, the conditions and modalities for the destruction of plants or plant products when it is found that the non-conforming use of plant protection products or adjuvants has unacceptable effects on human health, animal health or the environment are fixed by order of the Minister in charge of agriculture, the Minister in charge of the environment and the Minister in charge of the interior.

Article 98: The authorized agents of the Office shall control the keeping and updating of the registers provided for in Articles 65 and 75 above and may request invoices or any professional document in order to verify the veracity of the information entered in the register.

Where it is found that the register is not kept or is not updated, the authorized officials of the Office shall proceed to make an official statement of offence in accordance with Article 88 above.

Article 99: In accordance with the provisions of Article 55 of the law No. 34-18, plant protection products and adjuvants may be advertised by means of:

- Displays inside the sales premises,

- Internet sites belonging to distributors with the warning "Site reserved exclusively for professionals of plant protection products",
- Promotional catalogues,
- Professional journals and magazines.
- Meetings limited to professionals.
- Any advertisement for a plant protection product and adjuvant must be accompanied in a clear and legible manner by the phrases:
 - Before use, ensure that the plant protection product is essential.
 - read the label and the information on the plant protection product before use.
 - Use the plant protection product with care according to the label.

Advertisements for plant protection products and adjuvants must not contain any misleading information or claim or claim of confusion, whether in text or illustration.

Article 100: Advertising may not be aimed at the public, particularly through television, radio, newspapers, social networks, vehicles, billboards, posters, and signs outside the premises.

TITLE V: FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 101: On the date of entry into force of this decree, the active substances, safeners and synergists included in the composition of plant protection products and adjuvants with a registration or authorization to sell, under law No. 42-95 on the control and organization of trade in pesticides for agricultural use as amended and supplemented, are included in a provisional list maintained by the Office for a period not exceeding ten (10) years.

Such active substances, safeners and synergists shall be subject to applications for approval in accordance with the provisions of this Decree in accordance with a timetable established and made public by the Office.

Article 102: The following are repealed:

- Decree No. 2-99-105 of 18 Moharrem 1420 (5 May 1999) on the registration of pesticides for agricultural use from the date of publication of the orders provided for in Articles 6, 27, 28 and 36 above,
- Decree No. 2-99-106 of 18 Moharrem 1420 (05 May 1999) relating to the exercise of the activities of importation, manufacture, and marketing of pesticides for agricultural use as from the date of publication of the orders provided for in articles 70, 71 and 72 above,

- Decree No. 2-01-416 of 8 Jumada I 1423 (19 July 2002) regulating the marketing and use of liquid nematicides in agriculture as from the date of publication of this Decree.

Article 103: The Minister responsible for agriculture shall be responsible for the execution of this decree, which shall take effect from the date of its publication in the Official Bulletin.

Done in Rabat, on (.....)

The Head of Government

Attachments:

No Attachments.