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Post: Rabat

Prohibiting Imports of Certain Citrus Plants and Plant Parts

Report Categories:

Citrus

Planting Seeds

Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

FAIRS Subject Report

SP2 - Prevent or Resolve Barriers to Trade that Hinder

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Report Highlights:

This report contains an unofficial translation of Morocco's regulation prohibiting the import of plant and plant parts, excluding dried leaves, fruits and seeds, belonging to the subfamily Aurantioideae (family Rutaceae). U.S. exports of live trees, shrubs, and bushes to Morocco have grown steadily since 2015, totaling over \$1 million in 2018.

Vizieral decree of 15 chaabane 1370 (May 22, 1951) regulating the import into French zone of the Shereefian Empire of plants or parts of plants belonging to the subfamily Aurantioideae (Family Rutaceae).

(BO, No. 2016 of June 15, 1951, page 947)

THE GREAT VIZIR,

Having regard to the [Dahir of 20 September 1927 \(23rd Reich I 1346\)](#) laying down the phytosanitary regulations of plants and in particular Article 12 thereof;

Given the need to protect citrus crops from Morocco against certain diseases fungal, bacterial or viral, including Mal secco (*Deuterophoma tracheiphila* Petri); Tristeza (or Quick Decline or Graft Uncompatibility);

On a proposal from the Director of Agriculture, Trade and Forestry,

ORDER:

FIRST ARTICLE. - The import and transit in the French zone of the Cherifian Empire of all plants and parts of plants - excluding dried leaves, fruits and seeds - belonging to the botanical species of the subfamily aurantioideae (family of rutaceae) is prohibited.

ART 2. - Derogations from the provisions of Article 1 above may be granted by special decision of the Director of Agriculture, Trade and Forests, but exclusively for limited botanical samples.

The importation or the transit will be able to be done only under the conditions fixed by this decision not earlier than fifteen days and no later than four months after its signature. The plants or plant parts in question will be subject to the direct and permanent control of the plant protection and a temporary place of destination may be imposed on them.

ART 3. - As a transitional measure and for a period of one year from the publication of this Regulation, the derogations provided for in Article 2 may be granted for consignments not limited in importance.

Done in Rabat, the 15th chaabane 1370 (May 22, 1951)

The Grand Vizier, MOHAMED EL MOKRI

Rabat, June 6, 1951

The Resident Commissioner, A. JUNE