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Report Highlights:

Morocco notified G/SPS/N/MAR/89 on October 27, 2022. The notification concerns Morocco's list and limits of food additives authorized for use in primary products and food products, as well as the information to be displayed on their packaging. Comments are due no later than December 25, 2022. An unofficial translation is included in this report.

General Information: This report contains an unofficial translation of Morocco’s draft joint order amending and supplementing joint order [No.1795-14 of 14 May 2014](#) setting the list and limits of food additives authorized for use in primary products and food products, as well as the information to be displayed on their packaging. Comments are due no later than December 25, 2022.

An unofficial translation:

<p>Kingdom of Morocco ***** Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests</p>	<p>Joint order of the Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests and the Minister of Health and Social Protection No.....of..... (.....) modifying and completing the joint order of the Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries and the Minister of Health No. 1795-14 of Rajab 14, 1435 (May 14, 2014) setting the list and limits of food additives authorized for use in primary products and food products, as well as the information to be displayed on their packaging.</p>
<p>Endorsement of Secretary General of Government</p>	<p>The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Waters and Forests, The Minister of Health and Social Protection,</p> <p>Having regard to the joint order of the Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries and the Minister of Health No. 1795-14 of Rajab 14, 1435 (May 14, 2014) setting the list and limits of food additives authorized for use in primary products and food products, as well as the information to be displayed on their packaging.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Order:</p> <p>Article 1: The Annex to the above-mentioned joint order No. 1795-14 is repealed and replaced by Annex I to this joint order.</p> <p>Section 2: Article 2 of the above-mentioned joint order No. 1795-14 shall be supplemented as follows:</p> <p>« Article 2: <i>The following additives</i></p> <p>« a) <i>when.....;</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>« i) <i>the percentage order;</i></p> <p>« j) <i>the date of minimum durability.</i></p> <p>« <i>However, the indicationsof the product concerned. »</i></p>

Article 3: The above-mentioned joint order No. 1795-14 is supplemented by the following articles 1-1, 1-2, 3-1 and 3-2:

« **Article 1-1:** Within the meaning of this joint order, the following terms mean:

« 1 - « food additive » means any substance that are not normally consumed as food but which are normally used as food ingredient characteristic, with or without a nutritional value, and which are intentionally added to food for a technological purpose, at any stage in the food chain stage, in order to make it become itself or one of its derivatives, directly or indirectly , a component of the said food products.

« Should not be considered as food additives:

« - monosaccharides, disaccharides or oligosaccharides and foods containing these substances used for their sweetening properties;

« - foods, whether dried or in concentrated form, including flavorings incorporated during the manufacturing of compound foods, because of their aromatic, sapid or nutritive properties together with a secondary coloring effect;

« - substances used in covering or coating materials, which do not form part of foods and are not intended to be consumed together with those foods;

« - products containing pectin and obtained from dried residues of apples or citrus peel or quince, or a mixture thereof, by the action of diluted acid followed by partial neutralization with sodium salts or potassium ("liquid pectin");

« - the bases of chewing gum;

« - white or yellow dextrin, roasted or dextrinized starch, starch modified by acid or alkali treatment, bleached starch, physically modified starch and starch treated by amylolytic enzymes;

« - ammonium chloride;

« - blood plasma, edible gelatin, protein hydrolysates and their salts, milk protein and gluten;

« - amino acids and their salts other than glutamic acid, glycine, cysteine and cystine and their salts having no technological function;

« - caseins and caseinates;

« - inulin;

« 2 - « functional category » shall mean one of the categories set out in Annex II to this joint order based on the technological function a food additive exerts in the food product;

« 3 - « unprocessed food product » any food product that has not undergone any treatment resulting in a significant change in the initial state of the food. At this respect, the following processes are not considered to lead to a significant change: division, separation, slicing,

deboning, chopping, skinning, peeling, milling, cutting, washing, trimming, freezing, deep-freezing, chilling, grinding, shelling, packaging or unpackaging;

« 4 - « *product food without added sugar* », any food product:

- « *to which any added monosaccharides or disaccharides;*
- « *and to which no food products containing monosaccharides have been added or disaccharides which is used for its sweetening properties;*

« 5 - « *energy-reduced food product* » shall mean a food with an energy value reduced by at least 30 % compared with the original food or a similar product;

« 6 - « *table-top sweetener* » shall mean preparations of permitted sweeteners, which may contain other food additives and/or food ingredients and which are intended for sale to the final consumer as a substitute for sugars;

« 7 - « *quantum satis* » no maximum numerical level shall be fixed for a food additive, and that the substances shall be used according to good manufacturing practice, at a level not higher than is necessary to achieve the intended purpose and provided that they do not mislead the customer;

« **Article 1-2:** *Food additives may be classified in one of the functional categories set out in Annex II to this joint order based of their main technological function. »*

« **Article 3-1:** *Specifications of food additives authorized in primary products and food products, provided for in Article 53 (3) of the aforementioned [Decree N° 2-10-473](#), are set out in Annex III to this joint order. »*

« **Article 3-2:** *The labeling of food products containing the food colors listed in Annex IV to this joint order shall include the additional information set out in that Annex. »*

Article 4: The present joint order takes effective from the date of its publication in the Official Bulletin.

However, operators concerned have a period of two (2) years, from the said date of publication, to comply with the provisions relating to the labeling of food products containing food colors listed in Annex IV to this joint order.

Article 5: The present joint order will be published in the Official Bulletin.

Rabat, Date.....

The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Waters and Forests, The Minister of Health, and Social Protection,

Attachments:

No Attachments.