NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** MOROCCO  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Office National de Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires*, ONSSA (National Office for Food Safety) |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Processed cheese and cheese-based food preparations |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[X] All trading partners**  **[ ] Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Projet d'arrêté modificatif de l'arrêté conjoint du ministre de l'agriculture, du développement rural et des eaux et forêts, du ministre de la pêche maritime et du ministre de la santé No. 440-01 du 2 hija 1421 (26 février 2001) relatif à la durée de validité et aux conditions de conservation du fromage fondu et des préparations alimentaires à base de fromage fixées dans son annexe* (Draft Order amending the Joint Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development, Water Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Marine Fisheries and the Minister of Health No. 440-01 of 2 *hija* 1421 (26 February 2001) on shelf life and storage requirements for processed cheese and cheese-based food preparations, established in its annex) **Language(s):** French **Number of pages:** 3  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/MAR/22_3386_00_f.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Given that processed cheeses and certain cheese-based food preparations contain perishable dairy ingredients that deteriorate considerably in quality when on sale for long periods, expiry dates for such products are thus required in order to provide consumers with healthy and good quality products. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** Codex-Stan 1-1985, revision 2018  **[ ] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[X] Yes [ ] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 11 July 2022  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  Office National de Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires  *Division de la Normalisation et des Questions SPS* (Standardization and SPS Matters Division)  *Direction de l'Évaluation des Risques et des Affaires Juridiques* (Directorate of Risk Assessment and Legal Affairs)  Avenue Hadj Ahmed Cherkaoui  Tel.: (+212) 05 37 67 65 11/13  GSM: 006 7399 7817  Fax: (+212) 05 3768 2049  Email: [enquirypoint.spsmar@onssa.gov.ma](mailto:enquirypoint.spsmar@onssa.gov.ma)  Website: [http://www.onssa.gov.ma](http://www.onssa.gov.ma/) |
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