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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):** All food products intended for human consumption |
| **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 du ministre de l'agriculture, de la pêche maritime, du développement rural et des eaux et forêts No. 466-23 relatif à l'enregistrement des établissements exportateurs de produits alimentaires vers le Maroc* (Draft Order of the Minister for Agriculture, Marine Fisheries, Rural Development, Water Resources and Forestry No. 466-23 on the registration of establishments exporting food products to Morocco) **Language(s):** French **Number of pages:** 6  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/MAR/23_09678_00_f.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified draft Order contributes to the implementation of Decree No. 2-10-473 of 7 chaoual 1432 (6 September 2011) implementing certain provisions of Law No. 28-07 on food safety, including Articles 48 and 75.  Article 48 specifies that, in order to guarantee that a primary product, food product or animal feed imported for sale in Morocco presents no risk to human or animal life or health, pursuant to Article 4 of Law No. 28-07, the importer of these products must, prior to their importation, ensure that they: (1) are from a country, zone or region not subject to sanitary or phytosanitary restrictions; (2) meet the hygiene and health requirements laid down in the above-mentioned Decree and other regulations specifically concerning the product or food product; (3) come from an establishment or company that has an HACCP self-control or equivalent system in place; and (4) are accompanied by documents or other certificates required by the regulations specifically concerning the product or food product and issued by the competent authority in the country of export, certifying that the products comply with existing laws and entail no risk for human or animal life or health.  In order to ensure that importers are able to fulfil the above-mentioned obligations, the notified draft Order provides for the creation of an ONSSA electronic platform for the registration of establishments that produce, process and store food products to be exported for sale on the Moroccan market.  The draft Order specifies the conditions and procedures for the registration of foreign establishments by the ONSSA so that they may export food products to Morocco, with a view to streamlining conformity control procedures upon importation to better protect human health, improve information for Moroccan consumers and food traceability, prevent food fraud and ensure that the products concerned come from establishments that have been registered based on their fulfilment of criteria to ensure food security, in line with the relevant regulatory provisions.  Accordingly, the notified draft Order lays down:   * The procedures for registering establishments that export food products to Morocco and that fall under section III of the annex to the notified draft Order. The registration of these establishments must be approved by the competent authority responsible for food safety in the country in which they are based. * The procedures for registering establishments that export food products to Morocco, other than those that fall under section III of the annex to the notified draft Order. The registration of these companies does not need to be approved by the competent authority in the country in which they are based. * The conditions for withdrawing registration. |
| **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)*:** CAC/RCP 20-1979 - CAC/GL 20-1995 - CAC/GL 26-1997 - CAC/GL 34-1999 - CAC/GL 47-2003 - CAC/GL 53-2003 - CAC/GL 60-2006 - CAC/GL 25-1997/2016 - CAC/GL 89-2016  **[ ] 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.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   * <https://www.onssa.gov.ma/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Reglementation/A.Reglementation-Transversale/3.%20Securite-Sanitaire/3.1.%20S%C3%A9curit%C3%A9%20Sanitaire%20des%20Produits%20Alimentaires/LOI.28-07.FR.pdf> * <https://www.onssa.gov.ma/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/DEC.2-10-473.FR_.pdf>   (Available in French). |
| **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)*:** 1 January 2024  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 July 2023  **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:**  *Division de la Normalisation et des Questions SPS* (Standardization and SPS Matters Division)  *Direction de l'Evaluation des Risques et des Affaires Juridiques* (Directorate of Risk Assessment and Legal Affairs)  Office National de Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires  Avenue Hadj Ahmed Cherkaoui  Tel.: (+212 5) 37 67 65 11/13  Mobile: (+212 6) 73 99 78 17  Fax: (+212 5) 37 68 20 49  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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