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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>MOROCCO</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Office National de Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires - Division de la Réglementation, de la Normalisation et de la Coordination</i> (National Office for Food Safety - Regulatory, Standardization and Coordination Division)
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): Juices and nectars
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: <i>Projet de décret relatif à la qualité et la sécurité sanitaire des jus et des concentrés de jus de fruits et de légumes et des nectars de fruits commercialisés</i> (Draft Decree on the quality and safety of fruit and vegetable juices and juice concentrates and fruit nectars available on the market) Language(s): French Number of pages: 10 http://www.sgg.gov.ma/
6.	Description of content: In light of the development of the market for these products and the increasing level of competition resulting from the opening of borders, it was considered necessary to establish a reference framework that would help facilitate trade while safeguarding aspects related to product quality and safety, consumer information and fair trade. Accordingly, and with a view to addressing industry concerns, the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Fisheries prepared a draft decree governing the sector in question. The main objectives of this draft text are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to modify the content of juice of certain fruits in manufactured nectars, taking into account international requirements;- to provide for the production of nectars without added sugars or with a low energy content. In these products, sugars are partly or completely replaced by artificial sweeteners that are permitted under existing regulations;- to provide for mixtures of fruit juice and vegetable juice; and- to clearly establish labelling specifications for the products subject to this draft decree, so as to prevent any form of misunderstanding.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) Codex STAN 247-2005</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Not yet determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 5 April 2016</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Date of publication. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Date of publication.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Office National de Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires - Division de la Réglementation, de la Normalisation et de la Coordination Avenue Hadj Ahmed Cherkaoui Agdal Rabat Tel.: +(212) 53 767 6510/11 Mobile: +(212) 67 399 7803 Fax: +(212) 53 768 2049 Email: ma.sps.enquiry@onssa.gov.ma Website: http://www.onssa.gov.ma/</p>
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