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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</i> (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): Plants, plant products and other items covered by Law No. 76-17 on plant protection (supports, packaging, containers, means of transport and any other item or material, including agricultural material, capable of harbouring or spreading pests).
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 fixant les modalités de surveillance et de contrôle phytosanitaires des végétaux, produits végétaux et autres objets</i> (Draft Decree establishing phytosanitary surveillance and control measures for plants, plant products and other items) Language(s): French Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/MAR/22_4017_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: Law No. 76-17 on plant protection established, on the basis of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), signed in Rome on 6 December 1951 and enacted by Dahir No. 1-73-439 of 14 Hija 1393 (8 January 1974), the Moroccan legal framework that enables the State to monitor and control pests with a view to ensuring the phytosanitary protection of plants throughout national territory. The notified draft Decree establishes a number of specific provisions concerning the National Office for Food Safety (ONSSA), which, pursuant to Article 2 of Law No. 25-08 creating ONSSA, performs functions, on behalf of the State, relating to the protection of plant health and phytosanitary inspection. Accordingly, the notified draft Decree sets out: (1) The framework within which phytosanitary surveillance is conducted in Morocco by the relevant ONSSA departments. (2) The phytosanitary control measures applicable to plants, plant products and other items upon importation, during transit and upon exportation, and the phytosanitary control measures applicable during the production, planting and circulation of propagation material and plants. The notified Decree, which is based primarily on the provisions of the IPPC's International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, will enable Morocco to ensure that its regulations are consistent with international standards as regards phytosanitary surveillance in the event of the emergence of new plant diseases, and will help the country prevent any quarantine pests from entering.

7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM Nos. 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 17, 20, 23, 25, 27, 34 and others.</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>
9.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Law No. 76-17 on plant protection, enacted by Dahir No. 1-21-66 of 3 Hija 1442 (14 July 2021). http://www.onssa.gov.ma/images/reglementation/reglementation-sectorielle/vegetaux-et-produits-dorigine-vegetaux/Sante-vegetale/Phytoprotection/LOI.76-17.FR.pdf (available in French)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 August 2022</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><i>Office National de Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires (National Office for Food Safety)</i> <i>Division de la Normalisation et des Questions SPS (Standardization and SPS Matters Division)</i> <i>Direction de l'Évaluation des Risques et des Affaires Juridiques (Directorate of Risk Assessment and Legal Affairs)</i> Avenue Hadj Ahmed Cherkaoui Agdal Rabat, Morocco Tel.: (+212) 5 37 67 65 11/13 GSM: (+212) 6 7399 7817 Fax: (+212) 5 3768 2049 Email: enquirypoint.spsmar@onssa.gov.ma Website: http://www.onssa.gov.ma</p>

13. Text(s) available from: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:

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