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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, ONSSA (National Office for Food Safety)</i>
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): Edible salt
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 à la sécurité sanitaire du sel alimentaire</i> (Draft Decree on the quality and safety of edible salt) Language(s): French Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/MAR/22_7123_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: In view of the development of the edible salt market, particularly the emergence of new types of salt such as low-sodium and seasoning salt, technological difficulties linked to the iodization of <i>fleur de sel</i> and coarse salt and the implementation of the decisions of the Ministry of Health to establish as a widespread practice the iodization of salt used as an ingredient in locally produced or imported food products, it was considered necessary to revise the existing regulations. The main objectives of this draft Decree are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Define certain categories of salt placed on the market, such as salt intended for industry, seasoning salt, low-sodium salt, <i>fleur de sel</i> and coarse salt;- Establish the specific requirements for <i>fleur de sel</i> and coarse salt;- Provide for the mandatory iodization of salt intended both for direct sale to the consumer and for the food industry, with the exception of <i>fleur de sel</i> and coarse salt;- Provide for the mandatory iodization of edible salt used as an ingredient in imported processed food products;- Eliminate the requirement concerning the indication of iodine content on labelling;- Clearly lay out the labelling and packaging requirements for edible salt;- Set out in the Annex to the notified draft Decree the model of the logo indicating iodized salt.
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.

8.	<p>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 150-1985</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>
9.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The notified Decree will enter into force six months from the date of its publication in the Official Journal.</p> <p><input checked="" 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):</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 <i>Division de la Normalisation et des Questions SPS (Standardization and SPS Matters Division)</i> <i>Direction de l'Evaluation des Risques et des Affaires Juridiques (Directorate of Risk Assessment and Legal Affairs)</i> Avenue Hadj Ahmed Cherkaoui Tel.: (+212) 05 37 67 65 11/13, Mobile: (+212) 6 7399 7817 Fax: (+212) 05 3768 2049 Email: enquirypoint.spsmar@onssa.gov.ma Website: http://www.onssa.gov.ma</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <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 Normalisation et des Questions SPS Direction de l'Evaluation des Risques et des Affaires Juridiques Avenue Hadj Ahmed Cherkaoui Tel.: (+212) 05 37 67 65 11/13, Mobile: (+212) 6 7399 7817 Fax: (+212) 05 3768 2049 Email: enquirypoint.spsmar@onssa.gov.ma Website: http://www.onssa.gov.ma</p>