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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>MOROCCO</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Office national de sécurité sanitaire des produits alimentaires, ONSSA (National Office for Food Safety)</i>
<b>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):</b> Honey
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> <i>Projet de décret relatif à la sécurité sanitaire et la qualité du miel et des produits de la ruche commercialisés</i> (Draft Decree on the safety and quality of honey and apicultural products available on the market) <b>Language(s):</b> French <b>Number of pages:</b> 5
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The notified draft Decree on the safety and quality of honey and apicultural products available on the market will provide Morocco with a regulatory text defining different types of honey and apicultural products and their physico-chemical characteristics. It has the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– To enable ONSSA control services to ensure the conformity of marketed or imported products;</li><li>– To further motivate operators to produce high-quality honey and apicultural products and to create sector competitiveness to the benefit of consumers wanting these types of products;</li><li>– To provide inspectors with a control tool enabling them to fulfil their task on the basis of national regulatory arguments. This regulatory tool will serve as a filter at border inspection points during the importation of honey and apicultural products;</li><li>– To ensure consumers are informed of the origin of honey and apicultural products, whether locally produced or imported. Consumers are thus better informed to make better choices with regard to products on the market.</li></ul>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 June 2017</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 June 2017</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 June 2017</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 January 2018</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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 (ONSSA)          Direction de l'Évaluation des Risques et des Affaires Juridiques          Avenue Hadj Ahmed Cherkaoui          Agdal Rabat          Tel.: (+212) 53 767 6510/11          Mobile: (+212) 67 399 7803          Fax: (+212) 53 768 2049</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <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 (ONSSA)          Direction de l'Évaluation des Risques et des Affaires Juridiques          Avenue Hadj Ahmed Cherkaoui          Agdal Rabat          Tel.: (+212) 53 767 6510/11          Mobile: (+212) 67 399 7803          Fax: (+212) 53 768 2049</p>