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**Report Name:** WTO Notification on Morocco's Marketing of Couscous and Pasta Products

**Country:** Morocco

**Post:** Rabat

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**Report Highlights:**

Morocco notified G/SPS/N/MAR/93 on December 8, 2022. The notification concerns Morocco's marketing couscous and pasta products. Comments are due no later than February 6, 2023. An unofficial translation is included in this report.

**General Information:** Morocco notified G/SPS/N/MAR/93 on December 3, 2022. The notification concerns Morocco's decree No. 3092-22 laying down the physical and chemical specifications for marketing couscous and pasta products. Comments are due no later than February 6, 2023. An unofficial translation is included in this report.

**Unofficial Translation:**

<p><b>Kingdom of Morocco</b> ***** <b>Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests</b></p>	<p><b>Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forest No. 3092-22 of 19 Rabii II 1444 (November 14, 2022) Fixing the Physical and Chemical Specifications of Couscous and Pasta.</b></p>
<p><b>Visa of the Secretariat General of the Government</b></p>	<p><b>The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Development and Water and Forests,</b></p> <p>Considering the decree No. 2-22-136 of 16 Chaoual 1443 (May 17, 2022) relating to the quality and sanitary safety of couscous and pasta marketing, notably its article 5.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Order:</b></p> <p><b>Article 1:</b> The physical and chemical specifications to which couscous and pasta must meet in accordance with the provisions of article 5 of the above-mentioned decree No. 2-22-36 are fixed in the appendix to the present decree.</p> <p><b>Article 2:</b> The decree of the Minister of Agriculture and Agricultural Development No. 2505-96 of 9 Chaabane 1417 (December 20, 1996) relating to the manufacture and marketing of pasta and couscous is repealed.</p>

**Article 3: The order is published in the Official Bulletin**

**Done in Rabat, on**

**The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests.**

**Appendix**

**To the decree of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Waters and Forests No. 3092-22 of 19 Rabii II 1444 (November 14, 2022) Fixing the Physical and Chemical Specifications of Couscous and Pasta.**

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**Physical and Chemical Specifications of Couscous and Pasta**

Requirements	Couscous (*)		Whole grain couscous (*)		Pasta		Whole grain pasta	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Humidity (m/m)	11.00	13.00	-	13.00	11.00	11.00(**)	-	11.00(**)
Ashes rate (% of dry matter)	-	1.10	-	2.50	-	1.10	-	2.50
Protein content (% of dry matter)	11.00	-	11.00	-	11.00	-	12.00	-

(\*) For couscous, the granulometry of the couscous is between 630 microns minimum and 2500 microns maximum.

(\*\*) except for fresh pasta sold under this denomination for which the minimum humidity is 20% and the maximum humidity is 30%.

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