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Agricultural Export Subsidy Program Expands

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Report Highlights:

Morocco's [Order No. 3284-17](#), published May 3, 2018, expanded the scope and duration of agricultural export subsidies for fruits, nuts, and vegetables, products thereof, spices, aromatic and medical plants, poultry meat and meat products, and dairy products. Eligible products have historically accounted for 75% of Morocco's agricultural exports. The US-Morocco FTA prohibits the use of agricultural export subsidies by either party in the other's market.

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Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests, the Minister of Economy and Finance and Minister of the Interior [No. 3284-17](#) of Rabii I 16, 1439 (December 5, 2017) laying down the procedure for granting financial subsidies from the State for promotion and diversification of agricultural product exports.

The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests,
 The Minister of Economy and Finance,
 The Minister of the Interior,

Having regard to the [Decree N. 2-10-015 of Rabii I 30, 1431 \(March 17, 2010\)](#) providing State support for the promotion and diversification of agricultural products exports.

Having regard to the [Decree N. 2-85-891 of Rabii II 18, 1406 \(December 31, 1985\)](#) laying down the procedure for distribution of financial subsidy granted by the State for the intensification of agricultural production, as it was amended and completed,

Order:

Article 1:

The unit amounts of financial subsidy from the State, in the form of subsidy provided for in article 1 of [Decree No. 2-10-015](#) referred to above are fixed in accordance with the provisions of article 2 of the said Decree, by export destination, product, quantity and period, as follows:

I - Fresh Plant Products

I.1 – Citrus:

Destination	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Eligible Quantities
Russia	50 *	The total quantity exported
	150 *	The quantities exported in excess of average quantities exported during the reference campaigns from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2013
Ukraine, China, and Arab Gulf countries	500	The quantities exported from September 1, 2017, exceeding quantities exported in the reference campaign from September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001
Other than Russia, Ukraine, China, the Arab Gulf countries and the European Union	500	The quantities exported in excess of average quantities exported during the reference campaign from September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001

(*) Combined subsidy

I.2 – Tomato:

Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Eligible Quantities
750	The quantities exported outside the European Union in excess of the quantities exported during the reference campaign from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2018

I.3 – Strawberry:

Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Eligible Quantities
500	The total quantity exported outside the European Union

II. Animal Products:

Products	Subsidy
Hatching eggs	1 dirham per kilogram exported
Day-old chicks	1 dirham per kilogram exported

III – Processed Products:

III.1 - Olive Oil:

a) Subsidy for the promotion of olive oil exports:

Category	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)
Any category with the exception of Lampante oil	2 000

b) Additional subsidy by category of olive oil:

Category	Packaging	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Conditions
Extra virgin	Packaged	4 000	-Each exporting unit cannot benefit from subsidy for three (3) export campaigns, consecutive or not, during the period from 2017 to 2021. - This subsidy is combined with that mentioned in 1-a) above. -In the case of packaging, the olive oil must be packaged in containers with a volume less than or equal to five (5) per liter.
	Without packaging (bulk)	2 000	
Virgin	Packaged	3 000	
	Without packaging (bulk)	1 000	
« Courante » Virgin	Packaged	2 000	
Refined	Packaged or without packaging (bulk)	1 000	

III.2 –Packaged Table Olives:

a) Subsidy for the promotion of table olives exports:

Preparation	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Conditions
Entire table olives (except 'Greek' style) or broken, or slashed, packaged in hermetic packaging weighing ≤ 5 kg.	1 000	- Subsidy granted to exported quantities in excess of the average of the exported quantities during the campaigns of exports reference 2014-2015. - Each exporting unit cannot benefit from subsidy for three (3) export campaigns, consecutive or not, during the period from 2017 to 2021.
Sliced, stuffed olives, pitted or whole 'Greek' style, packaged in hermetic packaging weighing ≤ 5 kg.	1 500	
"Greek" olives pitted, packaged in hermetic	2 000	

packaging weighing ≤ 5 kg.

b) Subsidy for the diversification of export markets for table olives:

Preparation	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Conditions
All types of preparation of table olives packaged in hermetic packaging weighing ≤ 5 kg	750	- Subsidy granted to exported quantities outside the following markets: France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Spain, Italy and Greece. - Subsidy granted to exports during export campaigns from 2017 to 2021. - This subsidy is combined with that mentioned in 2-a).

III.3 – Canned or Frozen Apricot:

Preparation	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Conditions
Canned unsweetened apricots, packaged in hermetic packaging weighing ≤ 5 kg	1 000	- Subsidy granted to exported quantities in excess of the average of the exported quantities during the reference campaign of 2014-2015 for canned and frozen apricot. - Each exporting unit cannot benefit from subsidy for three (3) export campaigns, consecutive or not, during the period from 2017 to 2021.
Frozen apricots, packaged in hermetic packaging weighing ≤ 5 kg		
Canned sweetened apricots, packaged in hermetic packaging weighing ≤ 5 kg	1 500	

III.4 - Other Processed Products:

a) Dry or Dehydrated Fruit

Products	Packaging	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Conditions
Almonds, nuts, dates, dried plums, dried apricots, dried figs, raisins, other dry or dehydrated fruits	In a package weighing ≤ 5 kg	2 000	Subsidy granted to exported quantities during the campaigns from 2017 to 2021 and in excess of the average of the exported quantities during the reference campaigns of 2014-2015.

b) Aromatic and/or Medicinal Plants

Products	Packaging	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Conditions
Aromatic and/or medicinal plants	In a package weighing ≤ 5 kg	2 000	Subsidy granted to exported quantities during the campaigns from 2017 to 2021 and in excess of the average of the exported quantities during the reference campaigns of 2014-2015.

c) Spices

Products	Packaging	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Conditions
Spices	In a package weighing ≤ 5 kg	2 000	Subsidy granted to exported quantities during the campaigns from 2017 to 2021 and in excess of the average of the exported quantities during the reference campaigns of 2014-2015.

d) Other Fruits and Vegetables

Products	Packaging	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Conditions
Capers, gherkins, sweet peppers, hot peppers, and all other fruit and vegetables except tomatoes	In a hermetic package weighing ≤ 5 kg	2 000	Subsidy granted to the quantities exported during the campaigns from 2017 to 2021 and in excess of the average of the exported quantities during the reference campaigns of 2014-2015.
Concentrated tomato, peeled tomato, and crushed tomato	In a hermetic package	2 000	

	weighing ≤ 5 kg	
Dried tomato and tomato powder	In a package weighing ≤ 5 kg	2 000

III.5 - Dairy Products:

Products	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Conditions
Cream, milk fat, yoghurt, fermented or acidified milk, fermented or acidified cream, whole milk powder, skim milk powder, concentrated milk, UHT milk, cheeses	500	- Each exporting unit cannot benefit from subsidy for three (3) export campaigns, consecutive or not, during the period from 2017 to 2021.

III.6 - Poultry products

Products	Subsidy (Dhs/MT)	Conditions
Poultry meat preparations and poultry offal	1 500	- Each exporting unit cannot benefit from subsidy for three (3) export campaigns, consecutive or not, during the period from 2017 to 2021.
Frozen poultry meat and edible offal	1 500	

Article 2:

Exported quantities indicated in this joint order shall be net weight or drained net weight as appropriate.

Article 3:

For processed products referred to in article 1 (III) above, an export campaign starts on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year.

In the case of a product concerned by a single reference campaign, the quantity exported by an exporting unit during this reference campaign corresponds to the reference quantity of the same unit.

In cases where the product is concerned by more than a reference campaign, the reference quantity retained by exporting unit is the average of the quantities exported by the said unit during those reference campaigns.

The information relating to those reference quantities are detailed by exporting unit, in the joint instruction provided for in article 8 below.

For new exporting units or those which have not exported during the reference campaign(s), the reference quantity applied corresponds to the average of the reference quantities of all the units which have exported during the said reference campaign(s).

Article 4:

After completion of the export, the applicant submits a subsidy application file, against a receipt, to the competent department of the Provincial Directorate of Agriculture (DPA) or to the Regional Office for Agricultural Development (ORMVA), in whose jurisdiction the exporting unit concerned is located. This file includes the following documents:

1. The subsidy application established according to the model made available by the service or available on the website of the Department of Agriculture;
2. The documents relating to the applicant:

a) For natural persons:

-A copy of any document identifying the applicant;

-A copy of any document identifying his representative, where appropriate, and copy of the document under which he is authorized to act on his behalf.

b) For legal persons:

A copy of statutes;

A copy of the minutes of the last General Assembly;

A copy of the documents designating the person authorized to act on their behalf;

A copy of any document identifying the person authorized to act on their behalf;

3. Copies of the certificates and documents justifying the exports made;

4. For processed products, copy of the certificate of origin justifying that they originate in Morocco, issued by the competent authorities in accordance with the legislation and regulations in force.

Article 5:

The subsidy application must be submitted within a period not exceeding twelve (12) months from the date of export of the product concerned.

This period may be extended only once by an additional period of six (6) months in one of the following cases:

1. If the applicant so requests, in writing, before the expiry of the period of 12 (twelve) months;
2. In case of occurrence, during the preceding 12 (twelve) month period, of an event of force majeure or difficulties in the constitution of the subsidy application file duly justified.

Article 6:

For the instruction of the subsidy application file, the competent services carry out the study of the documents in the file. At the end of this instruction, the competent Department referred to in article 4 above delivers to the applicant:

1. A letter informing him of the acceptance of the application and mentioning the amount of the subsidy granted to him; or,
2. An "observation note" indicating non-conformities or deficiencies in the documents of the subsidy application file. In this case, the applicant must satisfy the said observations, within the timeframe, set by the joint instruction provided for in article 8 below and recalled in the same note.

Article 7:

The subsidy application file is rejected in the following cases:

1. If the object of export or its destination, where appropriate, does not correspond to the provisions of this Order;

2. If any of the documents referred to in the 2), 3), or 4) of article 4 above is not provided or is not compliant.

For this purpose, a letter of rejection motivates is issued to the applicant.

Article 8:

A joint instruction from the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Finance, fix modalities of instruction of the subsidy application files for each category of the exported products.

Article 9:

The financial subsidy from the State granted under this Joint Order and distributed in accordance with the provisions of [Decree N-2-85-891](#) referred to above.

Article 10:

The Joint Order the Minister of Agriculture and the Maritime Fisheries, the Minister of Economy and Finance and the Minister of the Interior [N-3283-10 of hija 3, 1431 \(November 10, 2010\)](#) laying down the conditions and procedures for the grant of financial subsidy from the State for the promotion and diversification of agricultural products exports, as amended and completed, is repealed.

However, applications for financial subsidy from the State for exports submitted before the date of publication of this order in the "*Official Gazette*" remain governed by the provisions of the aforementioned [Joint Decree N-3283-10](#).

The quantities of olive oil exported which have benefited from financial subsidy of the State under the title of the [Joint Order N-3283-10](#) cannot benefit from the financial support of the State provided for in III-1-a of article 1 of this joint order.

Article 11:

This Joint Order will be published in the "*Official Gazette*".

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