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Report Highlights:

This report contains an unofficial translation of the Order that cancelled the compulsory nature of Tunisian standards in the food industry sector, including those related to analyses and tests as well as product specifications.

Order of the Minister of Industry of April 16, 2013, cancelling the Tunisian compulsory nature of standards in the food industries sector

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY,

Having regard to the Constitutive [Law N° 2011- 6 of December 16, 2011](#), on the provisional organization of the public authorities,

Having regard to [Law N° 95 - 6 of January 23, 1995](#) on the ratification of the Uruguay Round Agreement,

Having regard to the [Law N° 2009 - 38 of June 30, 2009](#), relative to the national system of standardization,

Having regard to the [Decree N° 2011-1083 of July 21, 2011](#), relative to the modalities of elaboration, approval, revision and cancellation of the Tunisian standards and in particular its articles 1 and 17,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of National Economy of May 22, 1985](#), approving the Tunisian standards for cereals and cereal products,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of National Economy of May 22, 1985](#), approving the Tunisian standards relating to methods of analysis of milks and derivatives,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of Industry and Trade of June 12, 1987](#), approving the Tunisian Standard for Waters and Carbonated Beverages,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of Industry and Trade of August 28, 1987](#), approving Tunisian standards for canned and semi-canned food,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of National Economy of May 17, 1989](#), approving the Tunisian standard relating to the determination of the acetic title of vinegar,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of National Economy of October 29, 1991](#), approving the Tunisian standards relating to methods of analysis of milks and derivatives,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of National Economy of December 13, 1991](#), approving the Tunisian standards relating to methods of testing of food products,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of National Economy of December 13, 1991](#), approving the Tunisian standards for the specifications of food products,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of National Economy of July 22, 1994](#), approving the Tunisian standards for the analysis of milk products,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of Industry of January 30, 1996](#), approving the Tunisian Standards for Methods of Chemical Analysis,

Having regard to the [Order of Minister of Industry of May 28, 1996](#), approving the Tunisian standards relating to laboratory glassware.

DECREED:

Article 1 - The mandatory nature of Tunisian standards relating to the food industry sector appearing on the "A" and "B" lists annexed to this Order is hereby canceled.

Art. 2 - All the provisions contrary to this Order and in particular the provisions of the aforementioned Orders of approval are repealed.

Art. 3 - This Order will be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Tunisia and in the official bulletin of the National Institute of Standardization and Industrial Property.

Tunis, April 16, 2013.

The Minister of Industry
Mehdi Jomaa

Viewed
The head of government
Ali Larayedh

List – A -

Standards relating to analyses and tests		
Standard Code	Standard title	Date of the Approving Order
NT 13.01 (1983)	Sampling plan for prepackaged foods	12/13/1991
NT 14.27 (1983)	Preparation of the sample for the physical and chemical analysis of the milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.28 (1983)	Determination of titratable acidity of milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.29 (1983)	Determination of milk density	05/22/1985
NT 14.30 (1983)	Determination of milk dry matter	05/22/1985
NT 14.31 (1983)	Determination of the ash of the milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.32 (1983)	Determination of the fat content of milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.33 (1983)	Determination of the total nitrogen content of milk - kjeldahl method	05/22/1985
NT 14.34 (1983)	Determination of the chloride content of milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.35 (1983)	Determination of milk lactose content - method g. Bertrand	05/22/1985
NT 14.36 (1983)	Calculation of the simplified molecular constant of milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.37 (1983)	Calculation of defatted dry extract and defatted dry extract of milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.38 (1983)	Calculation of the wetting of the milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.39 (1983)	Calculation of milk skimming	05/22/1985
NT 14.40 (1983)	Calculation of wetting and skimming of milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.41 (1983)	Test of alkaline phosphatase in milk - method of p. Sanders and o. Sager	05/22/1985
NT 14.42 (1983)	Test of peroxidase in milk - reaction of dupouy and storch	05/22/1985
NT 14.43 (1983)	Looking for formalin in milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.47 (1983)	Determination of ammonia in milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.48 (1983)	Determination of potassium dichromate content in milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.49 (1983)	Determination of lactic acid in milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.50	Determination of milk cream index	05/22/1985

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NT 14.51 (1983)	Determination of the casein content of the milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.52 (1983)	Determination of the phosphorus content of milk	05/22/1985
NT 14.53 (1983)	Determination of sodium, potassium and calcium in milk - flame photometry	05/22/1985
NT 14.54 (1983)	Milk and milk powder - buttermilk and buttermilk powder – serum and serum powder - determination of phosphatase activity - reference method	10/29/1991
NT 14.55 (1983)	Milk powder - determination of apparent density before and after settlement	10/29/1991
NT 14.57 (1983)	Milk powder - dosage of lactic acid	10/29/1991
NT 14.58 (1983)	Determination of the free fat content of fattened milk powders	10/29/1991
NT 14.59 (1983)	Milk Powder - determination of Fat Content - Gottlieb Rose Method - Reference Method	10/29/1991
NT 14.60 (1983)	Milk Powder - preparation of the sample in the laboratory for chemical and physical analysis	10/29/1991
NT 14.61 (1983)	Milk Powder - determination of Titratable Acidity (Reference Method)	10/29/1991
NT 14.63 (1983)	Milk powder - control of the homogenization of fat in non-skimmed milk powder and re-fattened milk powders	10/29/1991
NT 14.64 (1983)	Milk powder - determination of ash alkalinity	10/29/1991
NT 14.65 (1983)	Milk powder - determination of total nitrogen content - kjeldahl method	10/29/1991
NT 14.66 (1983)	Milk powder - determination of ammonia	10/29/1991
NT 14.67 (1983)	Milk powder - determination of chloride content	10/29/1991
NT 14.71 (1983)	Milk powder - ph measurement	10/29/1991
NT 14.72 (1983)	Milk powder - determination of water content (humidity) - oven method	10/29/1991
NT 14.73 (1983)	Milk powder - determination of ashes	10/29/1991
NT 14.74 (1983)	Milk powder - determination of lactose content according to g. Bertrand	10/29/1991
NT 14.76 (1983)	Milk powder - alkaline phosphatase test according to the methods of p. Sanders and o. Sager	10/29/1991
NT 14.77 (1983)	Peroxidase test in milk powder - reactions of dupouy and storch	10/29/1991
NT 14.78 (1983)	Milk powder - filtration test	10/29/1991
NT 14.79 (1983)	Milk Powder - determination of Solubility - Cold Dissolution Method	10/29/1991

NT 14.82 (1983)	Butter - preparation of the sample in the laboratory for physical and chemical analysis	10/29/1991
NT 14.83 (1983)	Butter - determination of acidity	10/29/1991
NT 14.86 (1984)	Butter - determination of salt content	10/29/1991
NT 14.88 (1984)	Butter - determination of moisture content, non-fat solids and fat content on the same test sample - reference method	10/29/1991
NT 14.89 (1984)	Butter - determination of soluble and insoluble volatile fatty acids	10/29/1991
NT 14.90 (1984)	Butter - determination of fatty acid composition of butter by chromatographic analysis of methyl esters	10/29/1991
NT 14.91 (1985)	Butter - ph measurement	10/29/1991
NT 14.92 (1985)	Butter - alkaline phosphatase test	10/29/1991
NT 14.93 (1985)	Butter - determination of iodine value	10/29/1991
NT 14.94 (1984)	Butter oil - determination of water content	10/29/1991
NT 14.95 (1985)	Butter oil - indirect dosage of fat	10/29/1991
NT 14.96 (1985)	Butter - determination of the saponification index	10/29/1991
NT 14.97 (1985)	Butter - determination of the refractive index	10/29/1991
NT 14.98 (1985)	Butter - determination of the peroxide index	10/29/1991
NT 14.99 (1985)	Butter - determination of the kirschner index	10/29/1991
NT 14.100 (1985)	Butter - determination of unsaponifiable matter content	10/29/1991
NT 14.102 (1985)	Milk Powder - determination of Solubility - Hot Dissolution Method	10/29/1991
NT 14.103 (1985)	Butter - quick search of butter yellow	10/29/1991
NT 14.108 (1987)	Cheese - determination of fat content - van gulik method	10/29/1991
NT 14.109 (1987)	Cheese and processed cheese - determination of fat content – gravimetric method (reference method)	10/29/1991
NT 14.110 (1987)	Cheese and processed cheese - determination of dry matter (reference method)	10/29/1991
NT 14.111 (1987)	Serum cheese - determination of fat content - gravimetric method (reference method)	10/29/1991
NT 14.112 (1987)	Cheeses - determination of water content by the titrimetric method of karl fischer	10/29/1991
NT 14.113 (1987)	Cheese and processed cheese - determination of chloride content - potentiometric titration method	10/29/1991

NT 14.114 (1987)	Cheese - determination of nitrate and nitrite contents - cadmium reduction method and photometry	10/29/1991
NT 14.115 (1987)	Cheese and processed cheese - determination of total phosphorus content - molecular absorption spectrometric method	10/29/1991
NT 14.116 (1987)	Cheese and processed cheese - determination of citric acid content (reference method)	10/29/1991
NT 14.117 (1987)	Milk and dairy products - sampling methods	10/29/1991
NT 14.123 (1987)	Cream - determination of fat content - gravimetric method (reference method)	10/29/1991
NT 14.124 (1987)	Ice cream and ice cream - determination of total dry matter content (reference method)	10/29/1991
NT 14.125 (1990)	Ice cream and milk-based ice cream preparations - determination of fat content - pink gravimetric method-Gottlieb (reference method)	07/22/1994
NT 14.126 (1990)	Serum cheese - determination of dry matter content (reference method)	07/22/1994
NT 14.127 (1989)	Milk and Milk Products - Sampling - Attribute Control	10/29/1991
NT 14.129 (1989)	Method of milk control of cows	10/29/1991
NT 14.130 (1989)	Milk and milk products - enumeration of coliforms – colony count technique at 30 degrees c	10/29/1991
NT 14.131 (1989)	Milk and milk products - enumeration of coliforms - most probable number technique after incubation at 30 degrees c	10/29/1991
NT 14.132 (1989)	Milk and milk products - determination of iron content - spectrometric method (reference method)	10/29/1991
NT 14.133 (1989)	Milk and dairy products - search for salmonella	10/29/1991
NT 14.134 (1990)	Sweetened and unsweetened condensed milk - determination of fat content - gravimetric method (reference method)	10/29/1991
NT 14.135 (1990)	Serum cheese - determination of nitrate and nitrite contents - cadmium reduction method and spectrometry	09/22/1994
NT 14.138 (1990)	Milk fat - detection of vegetable fat by gas chromatography of sterols (reference method)	10/29/1991
NT 14.139 (1990)	Milk fat - detection of vegetable fat by means of the phytosterol acetate test	10/29/1991
NT 14.140 (1990)	Sweetened condensed milks - determination of sucrose content - polarimetric method	10/29/1991
NT 14.150 (1991)	Casein and caseinates - determination of fat content - gravimetric method (reference method)	07/22/1994
NT 14.151 (1991)	Casein - determination of "fixed ash" (reference method)	07/22/1994
NT 14.152 (1991)	Rennet caseins and caseinates - determination of ashes (reference method)	07/22/1994
NT 14.153 (1991)	Caseins and caseinates - determination of ph (reference method)	07/22/1994
NT 14.154 (1991)	Casein - determination of free acidity (reference method)	07/22/1994

NT 14.155 (1991)	Casein and caseinates - determination of lactose content - photometric method	07/22/1994
NT 14.156 (1991)	Caseins and caseinates - determination of protein content (reference method)	07/22/1994
NT 14.157 (1991)	Caseins and caseinates - determination of moisture content (reference method)	07/22/1994
NT 14.158 (1991)	Caseins and caseinates - determination of the content of burned particles	07/22/1994
NT 14.159 (1991)	Caseins and caseinates - determination of nitrate and nitrite contents - cadmium reduction method and spectrometry	07/22/1994
NT 15.01 (1983)	Fruit and vegetables - physical conditions of refrigeration rooms - definitions and measurement	12/13/1991
NT 51.10 (1984)	Cereals and pulses - sampling of milled products	12/13/1991
NT 51.11 (1984)	Rice - assessment of behavior during cooking using the viscoelastograph	12/13/1991
NT 51.12 (1984)	Cereals - determination of the falling number	12/13/1991
NT 51.13 (1984)	Wheat flour - determination of wet gluten	12/13/1991
NT 51.16 (1989)	Common wheat flours - physical characteristics of pasta - determination of water absorption and rheological characteristics by means of farinograph	01/30/1996
NT 51.20 (1989)	Cereals and cereal Products - determination of Moisture Content (Basic Reference Method)	01/30/1996
NT 51.23 (1989)	Rice - determination of Yield of Husked Rice and Rice	12/13/1991
NT 51.24 (1989)	Rice - determination of amylose content	12/13/1991
NT 51.27 (1990)	Cereals - sampling (grains)	01/30/1996
NT 51.32 (1990)	Cereals and cereal products - determination of alpha-amylase activity - colorimetric method	01/30/1996
NT 51.33 (1990)	Cereals and cereal products - determination of Total Fat Content	01/30/1996
NT 52.15 (1982)	Fruit and vegetable products - determination of titratable acidity (potentiometric reference method)	12/13/1991
NT 52.16 (1982)	Fruit and vegetable products - determination of water-insoluble solids content	12/13/1991
NT 52.17 (1982)	Fruit and vegetable products - determination of mineral impurities	12/13/1991
NT 52.18 (1982)	Fruit and vegetable products - determination of insoluble ash in hydrochloric acid	12/13/1991
NT 52.19 (1982)	Fruit and vegetable products - determination of total dry residue content	12/13/1991
NT 52.20 (1982)	Products derived from fruit and vegetables - ethanol	12/13/1991
NT 52.21 (1982)	Fruit and vegetable products - pH measurement	12/13/1991

NT 52.22 (1982)	Fruit and vegetable products - determination of soluble solids content - (refractometric method)	12/13/1991
NT 52.23 (1983)	Fruit and vegetable products - determination of benzoic acid	12/13/1991
NT 52.24 (1983)	Fruits, vegetables and derived products - determination of sorbic acid content by spectrophotometry in ultraviolet	12/13/1991
NT 52.25 (1983)	Fruit, vegetables and derived products - decomposition of organic material for analysis - wet method	12/13/1991
NT 52.26 (1983)	Fruit, vegetables and derived products - decomposition of organic material for analysis - method by incineration	12/13/1991
NT 52.27 (1983)	Fruits, vegetables and derived products - determination of chloride content	12/13/1991
NT 52.28 (1983)	Fruit, vegetables and derived products - determination of volatile acid content	12/13/1991
NT 52.29 (1983)	Fruits, vegetables and derived products - determination of nitrite and nitrate contents	12/13/1991
NT 52.30 (1983)	Citrus products - determination of essential oils content (reference method)	12/13/1991
NT 52.31 (1983)	Food Agricultural Products - determination of Total Sulfur Dioxide Content (Reference Method)	12/13/1991
NT 52.32 (1983)	Citrus products - determination of the index of d. limonene	12/13/1991
NT 72.27 (1985)	Black pepper and white pepper, whole or powdered - determination of piperine content - spectrophotometric method	01/30/1996
NT 72.35 (1985)	Spices - preparation of a ground sample for analysis	01/30/1996
NT 72.36 (1984)	Spices - determination of water content - method by training	01/30/1996
NT 72.38 (1984)	Spices - determination of foreign matter content	01/30/1996
NT 72.39 (1984)	Spices - determination of impurities	01/30/1996
NT 72.40 (1984)	Spices - determination of total ash	01/30/1996
NT 72.42 (1984)	Spices - determination of insoluble ash in acid	01/30/1996
NT 72.44 (1984)	Spices - determination of alcohol soluble extract	01/30/1996
NT 72.45 (1984)	Spices - determination of soluble extract in cold water	01/30/1996
NT 72.46 (1985)	Spices, herbs and herbs - determining the content of essential oils	01/30/1996
NT 72.47 (1985)	Spices - determination of degree of fineness of millings - manual sifting method - (reference method)	01/30/1996
NT 72.55 (1985)	Soluble coffee in doubled cases - sampling	01/30/1996
NT 72.57 (1985)	Soluble coffee - determination of mass loss at 70 degrees c under reduced pressure	01/30/1996

NT 72.58 (1985)	Green coffee - determination of moisture content (basic reference method)	01/30/1996
NT 72.60 (1985)	Green coffee in bags - sampling	01/30/1996
NT 72.61 (1985)	Green coffee - olfactory and visual examinations, and determination of foreign matters and defects	01/30/1996
NT 72.69 (1987)	Vinegar - determination of acetic title	05/17/1989

List – B -

Standards for product specifications		
Standard Code	Standard title	Date of the Approving Order
NT 15.03 (1983)	Citrus - Storage Guide	12/13/1991
NT 15.04 (1983)	Green Bananas - Storage Guide	12/13/1991
NT 15.05 (1983)	Green bananas - ripening conditions	12/13/1991
NT 15.06 (1983)	Apples - Guide to refrigerated storage	12/13/1991
NT 15.07 (1983)	Pears - Guide to refrigerated storage	12/13/1991
NT 15.08 (1983)	Fisheries - Guide to Refrigerated Storage	12/13/1991
NT 15.09 (1983)	Table grapes - Guide to refrigerated storage	12/13/1991
NT 15.10 (1983)	Apricots - Guide to refrigerated storage	12/13/1991
NT 15.11 (1983)	Fresh pineapple - Guide to refrigerated storage and transportation	12/13/1991
NT 15.12 (1983)	Potatoes for consumption - Storage Guide	12/13/1991
NT 15.13 (1983)	Plums - Guide to refrigerated storage	12/13/1991
NT 15.14 (1983)	Onions - Storage Guide	12/13/1991
NT 15.15 (1983)	Carrots - Storage Guide	12/13/1991
NT 15.16 (1983)	Cabbage Apples - Storage Guide	12/13/1991
NT 15.17 (1983)	Cauliflowers - Guide to Refrigerated Storage	12/13/1991
NT 15.19 (1983)	Asparagus - Guide for Refrigerated Transport	12/13/1991
NT 15.20 (1983)	Asparagus - Storage Guide	12/13/1991
NT 15.21 (1983)	Garlic - Guide for refrigerated storage	12/13/1991
NT 15.22 (1983)	Blueberries - Guide to refrigerated storage	12/13/1991
NT 15.25 (1983)	Strawberries - Guide to refrigerated storage	12/13/1991
NT 45.01 (1984)	Peeled gins- Specifications	12/13/1991
NT 45.04 (1987)	Sweet almonds in shell - Specifications	12/13/1991
NT 45.05 (1987)	Sweet almond kernels - Specification	12/13/1991
NT 45.06 (1987)	Inshell hazelnuts - Specifications	12/13/1991
NT 45.07 (1987)	Hazelnuts - Specifications	12/13/1991
NT 45.09 (1984)	Dried fruits and dehydrated fruits - Definition and nomenclature	12/13/1991
NT 50.04 (1988)	Labeling statements and claims for prepackaged dietary and diet foods	12/13/1991
NT 51.03 (1983)	Common wheat - grades and grades	12/13/1991
NT 51.04 (1983)	Durum wheat - grades and grades	12/13/1991
NT 52.04 (1983)	Tomato juice	08/28/1987
NT 55.01 (1983)	Carbonated waters and carbonated drinks	06/12/1987
NT 72.65 (1985)	Coffee probes	05/28/1996