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Precise rules and conditions for the import of corn distillation residues
Drêches et solubles de distillerie de maïs « DDGS »
Intended for animal feed

The process of importing corn distillation residues is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Corn distillation residues "DDGS" are imported under the customs code "23033000018", which is intended for animal feed.
2. Corn distillation residues "DDGS" come from the production of ethanol, which is used as fuel
3. Corn distillation residues "DDGS" to be imported must be pure, intact and of superior quality, free from odors, fungi, toxins, contain no foreign objects or unauthorized food additives, in accordance with the legislation in force.
4. Corn distillation residues "DDGS" to be imported must have the following characteristics:
 - Physio-chemical characteristics (percentage of raw product):

▪ Moisture	12% (maximum)
▪ Raw proteins	24.6% (minimum)
▪ Crude fiber	7.3 %
▪ Mineral materials	6 %
▪ Fats	3.9 %
▪ Raw energy	4080 as Cal/kg
 - Toxicological characteristics (maximum mg per kg of raw product):

▪ Arsenic	2
▪ Lead	10
▪ Mercury	0.1
▪ Cadmium	1
▪ Dioxin	0.75 ng OMS-PCDD/F-TEQ/Kg
 - Contamination by radiation:

▪ Aflatoxin B1	0
▪ Ochratoxin A	0.2
▪ Cesium 134 and 137 (maximum):	370 Bq/kg raw product

5. The production date of corn distillation residues "DDGS" to be imported shall not exceed six months from the date of the inspection.
6. Corn distillation residues "DDGS" can be imported in bulk "en vrac" or packaged bags in accordance with international packaging standards, and bearing with a clear and easy reading Arabic language, French or English, the following particulars:
 - Name of the product
 - Country of origin
 - The supplier (exporter) name and address
 - The importer name and address
 - The net weight of each container
 - Physio-chemical characteristics referred to in point number 3
 - The production date
 - The date specified for use
 - Number of the batch
 - The nature and value of food supplements likely to be incorporated, which must be in conformity with Tunisian legislation in force
7. Each shipment of corn distillation residues "DDGS" must be accompanied by documents translated in Arabic language, French or English, and delivered by the official authorities of the country of origin:
 - Certificate of origin of the product
 - Physio-chemical analysis certificate containing data provided to in point number 4, delivered by an official laboratory
 - Certificate of non-radioactive contamination
 - Certificate of non-toxic contamination
 - Certificate attesting that the corn distillation residues "DDGS" have commercial value in the exporting country
 - A health certificate corresponding to the international model and issued by the country of origin, at the latest 14 days before the date of shipment to prove safety of the batches subject of the shipment imported
8. The imported corn distillation residues "DDGS" are subject to a technical control, in accordance with the Tunisian legislation in force.
9. All goods not in accordance with this document must be returned to the country of origin or destroyed, according to the legislation in force.