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Report Highlights:

This report contains an unofficial translation of Morocco's [Order No. 13-79-10](#), which provides exemptions to the mandatory use of Arabic in Morocco's food labeling requirements. Exempt products include but are not limited to imported food processing ingredients, food service items, food supplements, and alcohol.

General Information: This report contains an unofficial translation of Morocco's [Order No. 13-79-10](#), which continues to provide exemptions to the mandatory use of Arabic in Morocco's food labeling requirements as laid out in article 8 of [Decree No. 2-12-389](#) (which repealed and replaced [Decree No. 2-01-1016](#)). Exempt products include but are not limited to imported food processing ingredients, food service items, food supplements, and alcohol.

Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries [No. 1379-10 of Chaabane 29, 1431](#) ([August 11, 2010](#)) on products exempted from certain mandatory labeling requirements

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THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARITIME FISHERIES,

Having regard to [Decree No. 2-01-1016 of Rabii I 22, 1423 \(June 4, 2002\)](#) regulating the conditions of labeling and presentation of foodstuffs, as amended and supplemented by [Decree No. 2-06-226 of Joumada II 12, 1428 \(June 28, 2007\)](#), in particular Article 4,

Order

FIRST ARTICLE - In application of the provisions of Article 4 of the abovementioned [Decree No. 2-01-1016 of Rabii I 22, 1423 \(June 4, 2002\)](#), products imported or intended for a particular clientele and locally produced beverages, which are exempt from the use of the Arabic language in terms of their labeling are as follows:

1. The imported products designated below:
 - Products used as raw materials for processing or repackaging;
 - Food and beverage products intended for particular nutritional uses;
 - Food supplements;
 - Food products destined for the diplomatic corps resident in Morocco;
 - Food products imported under certain customs procedures (temporary admission and transit) in accordance with the regulations in force;
 - Products for sporting, cultural or trade promotion events during the period of the event;
 - Food products distributed or exposed as samples;
 - Imported food products as gifts;
 - Food products destined exclusively for hotels and restaurants;
 - Alcoholic beverages.
2. Some locally produced beverages:
 - Alcoholic beverages.

ART. 2- This Order will be published in the Official Bulletin.

Rabat, on Chaabane 29, 1431 (August 11, 2010)

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