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Report Highlights:

Now in the 14th year of the U.S.-Morocco FTA, this report contains an unofficial translation of Moroccan Customs Circular N° 5888/222, issued December 28, 2018. Most notably, it contains the 2019 tariff-rate quotas for U.S. poultry, beef, wheat, and almonds. It also enforces an accelerated tariff phase out for several products subject to the preference clause.

Rabat, December 28, 2018

CIRCULAR N ° 5888/222

SUBJECT: - Morocco-USA Free Trade Agreement.

- 14th year of tariff dismantling.
- Changes to the customs nomenclature (Finance law for 2019 budget year).

REFER: - Base [Circular No. 4977/222](#) of December 30, 2005 as amended.

- [Circular No. 5887/210](#) of December 27, 2018.
- Correspondence of the Department of Agriculture 3212 and 3334 DSS/DDM/SMCA of December 20 and 27, 2018.

The service is informed that in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, tariff dismantling will be carried out in its 14th year, starting on January 1, 2019. This dismantling applies to the products listed in **Annex II** referred to and whose dismantling schemes are given in **Annex I** to the same circular.

It should be noted that **Annex II** has been furthermore:

- supplemented by **Annex II Table A**, entitled "Preferential treatment under the non-Annex IV C preference clause";
- amended to take account of the **nomenclature changes** introduced by the Finance Act for the 2019 budget year, in accordance with the concordance table annexed hereto.

In addition, **Annexes IV and V** to the aforementioned circular have been updated for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019. They concern:

- **Annex IV A:** Agricultural products subject to tariff quotas according to a calendar specific to each product;
- **Annex IV B:** Agricultural products initially subject to quotas but whose tariff dismantling has ended;
- **Annex IV C:** Agricultural products initially subject to quotas but whose treatment has been updated in accordance with the preference clause.
- **Annex V:** Additional duties to be applied for agricultural safeguard measures.

Annexes IV, V and II Table A are attached to this circular.

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Annex II to Circular No 4977/222 of December 30, 2005 as amended

**Table A- Treatment under the preference clause (excluding Annex IV
C)**

HS 2017	Product designation	Quantity	Preferential tariff
1003.90.0090	Barley, other than seed and other than brewery	unlimited	0.0%

Annex IV to Circular No 4977/222 of December 30, 2005 as amended

**A- Agricultural products enjoying preferential tariff advantages within the limits of a tariff quota
for the period from January 1 to 31, December 2019**

HS 2017	Product Designation	Quota				Out of Quota	
		Quantity	Preferential tariff	Calendar	Quota Admin	Rate to Apply	Calendar
0201.10.0011	Standard beef	2,390.1 MT	0.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019	1st come 1st serve	200.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019
0201.10.0019						200.0%	
0201.20.1190						200.0%	
0201.20.1990						200.0%	
0201.30.1190						200.0%	
0201.30.1990						200.0%	
0202.10.0010						200.0%	
0202.20.1090						200.0%	
0202.30.1990						200.0%	
0206.10.9190						200.0%	
0206.21.0091						40.0%	
0206.22.0091						200.0%	
0206.29.9190						40.0%	
1602.50.0090						40.0%	
0201.20.1110	High quality beef	6,600 MT	0.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019	1st come 1st serve	61.1%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019
0201.20.1910						61.1%	
0201.30.1110						61.1%	
0201.30.1910						61.1%	
0202.20.1010						61.1%	
0202.30.1910						61.1%	
0206.10.9110						61.1%	
0206.29.9110						11.1%	
0207.11.0000	Whole chicken and turkey	2,550 MT	0.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019	1st come 1st serve	68.6%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019
0207.12.0000							
0207.24.0000							
0207.25.0000							
0207.13.0029	Poultry thighs and wings	6,600 MT	0.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019	1st come 1st	100.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019
0207.14.9291							
0207.14.9219	Other poultry meat, frozen and deboned but not mechanically	141 MT	0.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019	1st come 1st serve	68.6%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019
		559 MT ⁽¹⁾	23.2%				
1001.19.0010	Durum wheat	-	-	-	-	170% ⁽²⁾	From Jun 1 to Jul 31,

1001.19.0090		380,000 MT	0% ⁽²⁾	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019, excl. Jun and Jul	ONICL tenders	2.5% ⁽²⁾	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019, excl. Jun and Jul
1101.00.1000	Products derived from durum wheat	1,940.8 MT	0.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019	1st come 1st serve	70.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019
1103.11.0001						70.0%	
1103.11.0009						70.0%	
1103.11.0041						70.0%	
1103.11.0049						70.0%	
1902.30.1000						2.5%	
1902.40.1110						50.0%	
1902.40.1191						50.0%	
1902.40.1199						50.0%	
1902.40.9110						50.0%	
1902.40.9191						50.0%	
1902.40.9199						50.0%	
1902.11.0010						40.0%	
1902.11.0090						40.0%	
1902.19.0019						40.0%	
1902.19.0099						40.0%	
1902.30.9000						40.0%	
1902.40.1900						40.0%	
1902.40.9900						40.0%	
1902.11.0010		3,050 MT ⁽¹⁾	35.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019	1st come 1st serve	40.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019
1902.11.0090							
1902.19.0019							
1902.19.0099							
1902.30.9000							
1902.40.1900							
1902.40.9900							
1001.99.00.11	Common wheat	TBD based on 2019 production	0.6%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019, excl. Jun and Jul	ONICL tenders	2.5%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019
1001.99.00.19			9.9%			30% ⁽²⁾	
1001.99.00.90							
1101.00.9000	Products derived from common wheat	1,940.8 MT	40.9%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019	1st come 1st serve	66.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019
1103.11.0020			42.8%			70.0%	
1103.11.0030			42.8%			70.0%	
1103.11.0050			42.8%			70.0%	
1103.11.0080			42.8%			70.0%	
0802.11.0091	Almonds	83.3 MT	0.0%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019	1st come 1st serve	3.3%	From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019
0802.11.0099							
0802.12.0091							
0802.12.0099							

(1) The additional quota will be effective only after the principal quota has been exhausted.

(2) Rate applied to the value range less than or equal to 1000 dh / ton, the portion above 1000 dh / ton is subject to an import duty of 2.5%.

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B- Agricultural products initially subject to quotas but whose decommissioning has come to an end

HS 2017	Product designation	Preferential treatment
0207.14.9212	Skinless chicken leg meat, frozen and deboned but not mechanically deboned	Rate: 0%
0808.10.1000	Fresh apples	Quantity: unlimited
0808.10.9010		
0808.10.9020		
0808.10.9090		

Annex IV to Circular No 4977/222 of December 30, 2005 as amended

C- Agricultural products initially subject to quotas but whose treatment has been updated in accordance with the preference clause

HS 2017	Product designation	Quantity	Preferential tariff	
0206.10.1000	Standard beef	Unlimited	0.0%	
0206.21.0010				
0206.22.0010				
0206.29.1000				
0201.10.0090	Standard non-domestic beef ⁽¹⁾			
0201.20.9090				
0201.30.9090				
0202.10.0090				
0202.20.9090				
0202.30.9000				
0206.10.9900				
0206.21.0099				
0206.22.0099				
0206.29.9900				
0201.20.9010				High quality non-domestic beef ⁽¹⁾
0201.30.9010				
0202.20.9010				
1104.29.1010	Products derived from durum wheat			
1104.29.3010				
1104.29.5010				
1104.29.1090	Products derived from common wheat			
1104.29.3090				
1104.29.5030				
1104.29.5090				
1104.29.1020				
1104.29.3020				
1104.29.5020				
		21.9%		

(1) The preferential treatment for these products will be applied only after notification by the department concerned of the operationalization of the concession from the point of view of sanitary control.

Annex V to Circular No 4977/222 of December 30, 2005 as amended

Additional duty to be applied to imports originating in the USA as part of the implementation of agricultural safeguard measures (MSA) for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019

HS 2017	Product Description	Base rate in %	Decommissioning category (a)	Preferential rate in % (1)	MSA Trigger volume in MT	Additional duty to apply in (2)	Total import duty to be applied
0207.11.00.00	Roosters and hens, fresh or chilled	124	R	68.6	3,315	15.7	84.3
0207.12.00.00	Roosters and whole hens frozen	124	R	68.6		15.7	84.3
0207.24.00.00	Fresh or chilled turkeys and turkeys	124	R	68.6		15.7	84.3
0207.25.00.00	Frozen turkeys and turkeys	124	R	68.6		15.7	84.3
0713.20.90.10	Dried chickpeas in grain except seed	50	K	22.1	500	9.0	31.1
0713.20.90.90	Other dried chickpeas, except seeds and grains	50	K	22.1		9.0	31.1
0713.40.90.10	Dry lentils in grain except seed	50	K	22.1	833	9.0	31.1
0713.40.90.90	Other dry lentils except seeds and grains	50	K	22.1		9.0	31.1
0802.11.00.11	Fresh bitter almonds in shell	50	J	3.3	108	18.4	21.7
0802.11.00.19	Bitter almonds dried in shell	50	J	3.3		18.4	21.7
0802.12.00.11	Fresh bitter almonds without shell	50	J	3.3		18.4	21.7
0802.12.00.19	Bitter almonds dried without shell	50	J	3.3		18.4	21.7

(a): See the dismantling scheme as described in Annex I to Circular No. 4977/222 of 30/12/2005.

Table of Concordance Annex II
(Finance Act for 2019 budget year)

Cancelled Position	Created Position	Base rate	Category of dismantling
0407110010	Ex 0407111000 (*)	52	G
	0407119010	52	G
0407110090	Ex 0407111000 (**)	50	J
	0407119090	50	J
0407190011	Ex 0407191000	52	G
	0407199011	52	G
0407190019	Ex 0407191000	52	G
	0407199019	52	G
0407190091	0407199091	17.5	A
0407190099	0407199099	50	J
2101110011	2101111100	50	G
2101110019	2101111911	50	G
	2101111919	50	G
	2101111990	50	G
2101110090	2101119000	50	G
3001901000	3001901010	32.5	F
	3001901090	32.5	F
9028301000	9028301011	50	F
	9028301019	50	F
	9028301090	50	F

(*) Poultry eggs from barnyard.

(**) Other than barnyard poultry eggs.