

Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests No. 2399-18 of Doulkaada 12, 1439 (July 26, 2018) setting the characteristics of marketed dates and date pastes.

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THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MARITIME FISHERIES, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND WATERS AND FORESTS,

Having regard to Decree No. 2-17-433 of Safar 5, 1439 (October 25, 2017) relating to the quality and health safety of marketed dates and date pastes, in particular its articles 4 and 5,

ORDERS:

FIRST ARTICLE. - The water content of dates and date pastes, referred to in article 4 of Decree No. 2-17-433 of Safar 5, 1439 (October 25, 2017) referred to above, shall be set out in Annex I to this Order.

ARTICLE 2. - The size, the nature of the defects and the permitted thresholds of dates with defects, referred to in article 5 of the decree No 2-17-433 mentioned above, shall be fixed in appendix II to this order.

ART. 3. - This order shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Rabat, Doulkaada 12, 1439 (July 26, 2018)
The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Waters and Forests, AZIZ AKHANNOUCH

Annex

to the order of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests No. 2399-18 of Doulkaada 12, 1439 (July 26, 2018) setting the characteristics of marketed dates and date pastes.

Annex I

Water content of dates and date pastes

Products:	Maximum water content
Varieties of dates:	
- Types containing mainly sucrose (cane sugar)	26%
- Types containing mainly glucose and fructose (invert sugar)	30 %
Date pastes, from both types:	20%

Annex II

Permitted thresholds for size and defects and permitted thresholds for dates with defects / by category of dates

Defects admitted	Allowed thresholds		
	Extra	Category I	Category II
a) Dates not having the required characteristics (in number / 100 dates):			
Immature or unpollinated dates	1	2	4
Sour, spoiled or moldy dates	0	1	1
Dates damaged by pests	3	8	12
Dates showing spots, discoloration or melanosis, sunburn, or cracking of the pulp	3	5	7
b) Size defects allowed (in number/100 dates):			
Dates weighing less than the batch average	10	10	10
c) Other defects:			
Unpitted dates among pitted dates (in number/100 dates)	2	2	2
Dates belonging to varieties other than the one indicated on the label (in number/100 dates)	5	5	5
Foreign matter (by weight)	1 %	1%	1%