

**Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries No. 3231-15 of 18 hija 1436
(October 2, 2015) fixing the chemical characteristics of tea.**

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THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARITIME FISHERIES,

Having regard to Decree No. 2-13-711 of 13 Joumada I 1436 (March 4, 2015) relating to the quality and health safety of marketed tea, in particular its article 3,

ORDERS :

FIRST ARTICLE. - The chemical characteristics referred to in Article 3 of the Decree No. 2-13-711 of Joumada Oula 13, 1436 (March 4, 2015), to be met by tea, shall be set as follows:

1/ Green tea:

Characteristics	Requirements	Analysis method
Aqueous extract: Minimum:	32 %	NM 08.5.161 (ISO 9768)
Total ash, (m/ m)*: Minimum: Maximum:	4 % 8%	MS 08.5.154 (ISO 1575)
Water Soluble Ash vs. Total Ash: Minimum:	45 %	MS 08.5.155 (ISO 1576)
Alkalinity of the ashes water soluble (as KOH), (m/m): Minimum: Maximum:	1.0% 3.0%	MS 08.5.157 (ISO 1578)
Ash insoluble in acid, (m/m): Maximum:	1.0 %	MS 08.5.156 (ISO 1577)
Crude fiber, (m/m): Maximum:	16.5%	ISO15598
Total catechins, (m/m): Minimum:	7 %	ISO 14502-2
Total polyphenols, (m/m): Minimum:	11 %	ISO 14502-1
Total catechins / total polyphenols ratio, (m/m): Minimum:	0.5	-

2/ Black tea:

Features	Requirements	Analysis methods
Aqueous extract: Minimum:	32%	NM 08.5.161 (ISO 9768)
Total ash, (m/m): Minimum: Maximum:	4% 8%	MS 08.5.154 (ISO 1575)
Water Soluble Ash vs. Total Ash: Minimum:	45 %	MS 08.5.155 (ISO 1576)
Alkalinity of the ashes water soluble (as KOH) , (m/m) : Minimum: Maximum:	1.0 % 3.0%	MS 08.5.157 (ISO 1578)
Ash insoluble in acid, (m/m): Maximum:	1.0%	MS 08.5.156 (ISO 1577)
Crude fiber, (m/m): Maximum:	16.5%	ISO15598
Total polyphenols, (m/m): Minimum:	9%	ISO 14502-1

(*): mass on mass.

ART. 2. - This Order shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Rabat, Doukhija 18, 1436 (October 2, 2015).

The Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries, Aziz AKHANNOUCH .