

**Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries No. 3871-15 of 8 Safar 1437 (20 November 2015) setting up the terms and conditions for the indication of the net quantity and the drained net weight of certain products and the indication of the batch production or manufacturing or packaging to which the prepackaged product belongs.**

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**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARITIME FISHERIES,**

Having regard to Decree No 2-12-389 of 11 Joumada II 1434 (22 April 2013) setting up the terms and conditions for the labeling of food products, as modified and supplemented, in particular its articles 23 and 27,

**ORDERS:**

**FIRST CHAPTER:**

**INDICATION OF THE NET QUANTITY AND DRAINED NET WEIGHT OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS**

**ARTICLE 1** - In application of the provisions of Article 23 of Decree No. 2-12-389 mentioned above, this chapter establishes:

- special cases in which the indication of the net quantity provided for in Article 21 of the Decree No. 2-12-389 shall not be compulsory;
- the specific arrangements for the indication of the net quantity and drained net weight of certain products.

**ARTICLE 2** - The indication, in the labeling, of the net quantity shall not be compulsory in the following cases:

- a) for food products whose net quantity is less than five (5) grams or five (5) milliliters, except for spices and aromatic plants, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of article 21 of Decree No 2-12-389 referred to above;
- b) for food products subject to significant losses in volume or mass, due to their nature, and which are sold in individual items or are weighed in front of the buyer;
- c) for food products usually sold by the piece, if the number of pieces can be clearly seen and easily counted from the outside or if this number is indicated on the labeling.

**ARTICLE 3** - When a prepackage is made up of two or more individual prepackages containing the same quantity of the same product, the outer packaging shall show, in addition to the mandatory information provided for in article 11 of the Decree No 2-12-389, the following information relating to the net quantity:

- a) the total net quantity of the product;
- b) the net quantity of the contents of each individual prepackage;
- c) the total number of individual prepackages.

However, when the total number of individual packages can be clearly seen and easily counted from the outside and when at least one indication of the net quantity contained in each individual package can be clearly seen from the outside, the particulars referred to in b) and c) above shall not be mandatory.

**ARTICLE 4** - When a prepackage is made up of two or more individual packages which are not considered as sales units, the indication on this prepackage of the net quantity shall be given by mentioning the total net quantity and the total number of individual packages that it contains.

**ARTICLE 5** - In accordance with the provisions of Article 22 of the Decree No 2-12-389, the drained net weight of a food product presented in a covering liquid shall be mentioned in its labeling.

**ARTICLE 6** - In the case of a glazed food product, the net weight mentioned in its labeling shall not include the weight of the ice.

## **CHAPTER II:**

### **METHODS FOR INDICATING THE PRODUCTION OR MANUFACTURING OR PACKAGING BATCH TO WHICH THE PREPACKAGED PRODUCT BELONGS**

**ARTICLE 7** - The indication, in the labeling, of the production, manufacturing or packaging batch to which the prepackaged product belongs, provided for in 12) of article 11 of the Decree No 2-12-389, shall be made, as applicable, by the producer, manufacturer or packager, or by the first seller of the food product concerned.

This indication shall have to be preceded by the letter “L:”, except where it is clearly distinguishable from other labeling information.

**ARTICLE 8** - For prepackaged food products, the mention of the batch, and, where applicable, the letter “L:” shall appear on the prepackage or on a label linked to it. This label shall not be detachable or reusable.

When food products are not prepackaged, the mention of the batch, and, where applicable, the letter “L:” may appear on the packaging or container or, failing that, on the commercial documents referring to said products.

**ARTICLE 9** - When the expiry date, referred to in 5) of article 11 of the aforementioned decree No 2-12-389, appears in the labeling, the mention of the batch may not appear on the prepackaging, provided that this date mentions at least, clearly and in order, the day and month.

**ARTICLE 10** - This Order shall be published in the Official Gazette.

**8 Safar 1437 (20 November 2015).**

**The Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries, AZIZ AKHANNOUCH**