

Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Waters and Forests No 354.02  
of 24 Safar 1423 (8 May 2002) fixing the composition, operation and attributions of the  
National Milk Committee

(Official Gazette n° 5010 of 06/069/2002, page 682).

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Waters and Forests;

Considering Decree No 2-00-425 of 10 Ramadan 1421 (7 December 2000) on the control of the production and marketing of milk and dairy products, in particular Article 4 thereof,

**ORDERS:**

**ARTICLE 1:** The National Milk Committee provided for in Article 4 of Decree No 2-00-425 of 10 Ramadan 1421 (7 December 2000) referred to above shall be in charge of the following:

- give any opinion on the measures and actions to improve the productivity and quality of milk and dairy products along the whole chain;
- give its opinion on the draft texts relating to the safety and quality of milk and dairy products, proposed by the Department of Agriculture;
- participate in the implementation of measures taken to improve the quality of milk and dairy products;
- propose to the technical relevant departments suggestions on the sanitary and hygienic requirements of the production, transport, processing and marketing of milk and dairy products.

**ARTICLE 2:** The Committee referred to above shall be composed as follows:

1°- Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water and Forests:

- The Director of Livestock, president;
- The Director of Plant Protection, Technical Controls and Fraud Prevention;
- The Director of the Official Laboratory for Chemical Analysis and Research;
- The Director of the Laboratory of Veterinary Analysis and Research of Casablanca;
- The Director of Agricultural Public Enterprises and Professional Associations;
- The Director of Hassan II Agronomic and Veterinary Institute or his representative;
- The Director of the National School of Agriculture of Meknes or his representative.

2°- Representatives of the profession:

- Two representatives of milk processing cooperatives, appointed by the Board of Directors of the National Union of Dairy Cooperatives;
- Two representatives of milk processing companies, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Dairy Products Manufacturers Association;
- Four representatives of dairy farmers-producers, appointed by the Minister in charge of Agriculture.

**ARTICLE 3:** The committee shall draw up internal rules concerning the modalities of its operation.

**ARTICLE 4:** The committee may set up working groups to discuss and report on a specific question or matter. It shall appoint a manager or reporter for each group created.

The groups created can invite or request any expertise useful or necessary for the study of the files entrusted to them.

**ARTICLE 5:** The chairman of the committee may convene meetings with personalities or experts whose opinions may seem useful for the committee's work.

**ARTICLE 6:** The national committee may set up regional milk committees. These shall be composed as follows:

- The Provincial Director of Agriculture or the Director of the Regional Office of Agricultural Development, President;
- The head of the veterinary service;
- The head of the agricultural production department;
- The head of the department of the prevention of fraud;
- The Director of the Regional Laboratory for Veterinary Research and Analysis;
- A representative of milk processing cooperatives, appointed by the Board of Directors of the National Union of Dairy Cooperatives;
- A representative of milk processing companies, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Dairy Products Manufacturers Association;
- A representative of the dairy farmers-producers, appointed by the Minister in charge of Agriculture.

**ARTICLE 7:** The Regional Milk Committees shall be responsible for:

- the implementation and monitoring of the enforcement of the decisions, taken by the National Milk Committee in their respective regions;
- the proposal of all priority measures to the National Milk Committee to improve the productivity and quality of milk and dairy products;
- the review of any issues relating to the quality and safety of milk and dairy products at the regional level.

**ARTICLE 8:** The regional milk committees shall draw up internal regulations on the methods of their operation.

**ARTICLE 9 :** This Order shall be published in the Official Gazette.

***Rabat, 24 Safar 1423 (8 may 2002)***

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Waters and Forests  
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