

Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform No. 966-93 of 28 Shawal 1413 (20 April 1993) setting up the conditions for the import and marketing of seeds to be cultivated in Morocco.

(OG No 4207 of 16 June 1993, page 289)

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRARIAN REFORM,

Considering the Dahir No 1-69-169 of 10 Joumada I 1389 (25 July 1969) regulating the production and marketing of seeds and plants, as modified and supplemented by the Dahir enacting the Law No 1- 76-472 of 5 Shawal 1397 (19 September 1977), in particular its articles 1, 4, 5 and 6,

ORDERS:

ARTICLE 7. (amended by Order n°3828-94 of 09/11/1994, OG No 4288 of 04/01/1995, page 3 and modified and supplemented by Order No 895-22 of 04/12/2022 - OG No 7114 of 8/4/2022, page 998) - The importation and marketing of seeds shall be subject to the following conditions:

- Establishments that import and market seeds shall have to be approved in accordance with the legislation and regulations in force. However, in the case of seeds imported under the temporary admission regime, the importers concerned shall be exempted from the approval referred to above. Said seeds must, under no circumstances, be sold on the national market or given away free of charge;
- The varieties must appear on the lists of the official catalog or on the provisional lists;
- Seeds obtained using the organic production method shall have to be accompanied by a certificate issued by a control and certification body recognized by the country of production of said seeds and be labeled in accordance with the regulations of that country;
- Seeds other than those obtained using organic production methods, and except for potato seeds, shall be certified according to the system of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) or the Association of Official Agencies of Seed Certification (AOSCA) or, for vegetable seeds, belong to the “standard” category. Potato seeds shall be certified according to the current UNECE standard;
- Seeds, with the exception of potato seeds, shall be accompanied by the Orange International Bulletin of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) or the analysis bulletin of the Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA).

ARTICLE 2. (modified and supplemented by Order No 895-22 of 04/12/2022 - OG No 7114 of 8/4/2022, page 998) - For new varieties of species not appearing on any an official list or catalog, a sample of the variety shall be deposited with the competent service of the National Food Safety Office (ONSSA) and tests shall be undertaken in Morocco under the responsibility of the breeder or his representative. The results of the tests shall be transmitted to this department for possible inclusion on the provisional list.

ARTICLE 3. (Repealed and replaced by Order No 895-22 of 04/12/2022 - OG No 7114 of 8/4/2022, page 998) - The importation of varieties of seeds not listed in the Official Catalog may be authorized by the competent service of the ONSSA, in limited quantities, for the purposes of preliminary tests, catalog tests or research tests.

The quantities of said seeds, authorized for import shall be set by Decision of the Director General of ONSSA, published on the website of the said Office.

These seeds shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the breeder, justifying that the varieties from which they originate are not transgenic.

The seeds authorized for this purpose shall under no circumstances be marketed on the national market or given away free of charge.

ARTICLE 4. This Order shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Rabat, 28 Shawal 1413 (20 April 1993).

The Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, Abdelaziz Meziane.