

Joint Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests and the Minister of Health No. 2300-17 of 11 Moharram 1440 (21 September 2018), establishing the effectiveness, toxicity, and purity criteria for cleaning and disinfection products, as well as the conditions for their use in establishments and companies operating in the food and animal feed sector

(OG n°6726 of 15/11/2018, page 1833)

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

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH,

Having regard to Decree No. 2-10-473 of 7 Shawal 1432 (6 September 2011) issued for the application of certain provisions of Law No. 28-07 relating to the health safety of food products, in particular its article 66,

ORDER:

Article 1. In application of the provisions of Article 66 of Decree No. 2-10-473 referred to above, this joint order establishes the characteristics of effectiveness, toxicity, and purity of cleaning and disinfection products, as well as the conditions for their use in establishments and companies of the food sector, including premises for breeding animals that produce food products, and in the animal feed sector.

These provisions shall apply exclusively to products used to clean and disinfect surfaces, installations, equipment (including means of transport for food products and animal feed), materials, and any objects located in the premises of these establishments or companies.

These provisions shall not apply to products intended for domestic use or public health hygiene.

Article 2. For the purposes of this joint order, the following terms shall apply:

1. **Cleaning product:** Any preparation used to remove dirt, residues, and, more generally, any organic or inorganic soiling from surfaces, installations, equipment, materials, and any object, that allows for their disinfection. Detergents fall into this category.
2. **Disinfection product:** Any preparation that destroys microorganisms found in the environment or on inert surfaces or reduces their concentration to a level that does not pose a risk to the safety or wholesomeness of food products or animal feed.

Article 3. *(Amended and supplemented by Joint Order No. 2755-22 of 14/10/2022 – OG No. 7178 of 16/03/2023, page 840) - Only the constituents listed in Annex I to this joint order may be used in the composition of the cleaning and/or disinfection products referred to in Article 1 above.*

The list, prepared and updated according to the model set out in Annex I of this joint order, shall be published on the ONSSA website.

Article 4. The characteristics of effectiveness, toxicity, and purity of cleaning and disinfection products shall be those provided by approved Moroccan standards or, where applicable, by Codex Alimentarius standards, taking into account the intended use of said products.

The list of cleaning and disinfection products that comply with these standards and may be used in establishments and companies in the food and animal feed sectors shall be established by the Director General of ONSSA, published on the ONSSA website, and updated regularly. This list is prepared in accordance with the model set out in Annex II to this joint order.

Article 5. The registration of any new cleaning and/or disinfection product on the list referred to in Article 4 above shall be made at the request of the manufacturer, importer, or distributor of said product.

The application for registration shall follow the model provided by the relevant ONSSA department or found on its website. It must be accompanied by a file composed of an administrative section and a technical section containing the following information and documents:

For the administrative section:

- A copy of the applicant's national identity card, residence permit, or any other identification document;
- A file summary sheet drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Annex III of this joint order;
- A document containing the labelling elements of the product, along with a specimen of the product label;
- A document certifying that the product is regulated and used in the country of export (for imported products);
- The trade name of the product.

For the technical section:

- A document identifying the product (type and areas of use);
- Documents on the product's composition, including analysis reports where necessary;
- Documents demonstrating the product's effectiveness;
- Documents related to toxicity;
- Documents detailing the conditions of use (methods and dosages).

The application and accompanying file must be submitted to the aforementioned ONSSA department, which shall issue an acknowledgment of receipt after verifying the applicant's identity and confirming that the required documents and summary sheet (as per Annex III) are included.

Article 6. The competent ONSSA department shall have 120 days from the file submission date to study and evaluate it.

If, during this assessment, it is determined that the product:

- is not intended for establishments or companies in the food or animal feed sector; or
- is not a cleaning or disinfection product; or
- presents a risk to human or animal health or to the environment; or
- fails to meet the requirements set forth in this joint order;

the department shall send a reasoned notice of rejection to the applicant by any means that ensures proof of receipt, including electronically, and invite them to recover their file.

To assess the elements of the file, the competent department may:

a) Request any additional information or document from the applicant, who shall have a maximum of six (6) months to respond. If the information is not provided, is incomplete, or does not comply with the request, the file shall be considered non-compliant with the requirements of this joint order;

b) Seek the opinion of the health department, where needed for the file evaluation. The department shall respond within 30 days, after which its opinion is deemed to have been given. For locally manufactured products, the opinion of the industry department is also sought within the same timeframe.

The period outlined in point (a) suspends the 120-day evaluation period.

Article 7. If, at the end of the assessment, the product is deemed to meet the requirements of this joint order, the applicant shall be invited to provide the ONSSA department with a representative sample of the product for conformity testing.

If the product is found to be compliant, it shall be added to the list referred to in Article 4 above, and the applicant shall be informed. Otherwise, a reasoned notice of rejection shall be sent, and the applicant shall be invited to recover the file.

Article 8. Any registration of a cleaning and/or disinfection product on the list referred to in Article 4 above shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years, renewable under the same conditions.

However, if the product or any of its components is found to be harmful to human or animal health, it shall be immediately removed from the list. Notification of removal shall be sent to the registration holder.

Article 9. Any importer, manufacturer, or distributor of a cleaning and/or disinfection product listed in Article 4 must immediately inform ONSSA of any known change to the product or one of its components that may affect the validity of the product's registration, regarding:

- New findings or information concerning the effects of the active substance on human or animal health or the environment;
- Changes in the composition of the active substance;
- Changes in the composition of the cleaning or disinfection product;
- Development of resistance;
- Administrative or other changes, such as packaging or labelling.

Article 10. Any importer, manufacturer, or distributor of a cleaning and/or disinfection product, registered in the list referred to in Article 4 must implement procedures to ensure the traceability of such products and maintain all related documentation, including registers, computer files, receipt and delivery notes, and other relevant documents. These must be kept for at least one year after the product's expiration date. They must also implement a product recall and withdrawal procedure in accordance with applicable legislation and regulations on industrial products.

Article 11. *(Amended and supplemented by Joint Order No. 2755-22 of 14/10/2022 – OG No. 7178 of 16/03/2023, page 840)* – In addition to the mandatory labelling information required by Order of the Minister of Industry, Trade, Investment, and the Digital Economy No. 3486-13 of 27 Safar 1435 (31 December 2013), which sets the technical specifications for liquid and solid detergents and disinfectants, the labelling of cleaning or disinfection products intended for use in food sector and animal feed sector establishments must also include the following information, clearly written in a language accessible to the public, in French and/or Arabic:

- The trade name (brand) of the product;
- The complete composition of the product (expressed in %);
- The form or presentation of the product (liquid, powder, tablets, etc.);
- The type of action (for disinfectants): bactericidal, fungicidal, or virucidal;
- The exact area(s) of application;
- The detailed method of application, including the specific dosage;
- Instructions for use, indicating any need for pre-washing and/or final rinsing with water;

- Where applicable, the target organisms, identified either individually or by group (only if efficacy has been scientifically demonstrated) – for disinfectant products;
- Risk phrases based on the product's toxicological classification;
- The toxicological classification according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS), including:
 - Hazard pictograms;
 - Signal word (e.g., “Caution” or “Danger”);
 - Hazard statements (codes and descriptive phrases);
 - Safety advice (precautionary statements);
 - Pictograms for required personal protective equipment.
- Any additional information on the composition or use of the product necessary to ensure its safe use, including precautions and first-aid measures in case of an incident;
- The name and address of the distributor in Morocco;
- The name and address of the manufacturer;
- The statement: “Number and date of registration on the list of cleaning and disinfection products authorized for use in food sector and animal feed sector establishments, as established by the Director General of ONSSA”;
- The date of manufacture;
- The batch number;
- The expiration date;
- Storage conditions.

Article 12. Authorized ONSSA agents shall be responsible for the monitoring of cleaning and disinfection products and their use in establishments of the food and animal feed sectors.

If it is determined that a product does not comply with the conditions under which it was registered, it may be removed from the authorized list. A notice of withdrawal will be published on the ONSSA website, specifying the reason for the withdrawal. Relevant information will also be shared with the competent health and industry authorities.

Article 13. Importers, manufacturers, and distributors of cleaning and/or disinfection products for use in food and animal feed sector establishments are granted a period of 18 months from the date of publication of this joint order in the Official Gazette to comply with its provisions.

Article 14. This joint order shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Rabat, 11 Moharram 1440 (21 September 2018)

The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests, AZIZ AKHANNOUCH

The Minister of Health, ANASS DOUKKALI

Annex I

Joint Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests and the Minister of Health No. 2300-17 of 11 Moharram 1440 (21 September 2018), establishing the effectiveness, toxicity, and purity criteria for cleaning and disinfection products, as well as the conditions for their use in establishments and companies operating in the food and animal feed sectors

(Amended and supplemented by Joint Order No. 2755-22 of 14/10/2022 – OG No. 7178 of 16/03/2023, page 840)

Model of the list of constituents that may be used in the composition of cleaning and disinfection products for establishments and businesses in the food sector, including the premises for breeding animals, producing food products and in the animal feed sector

(Article 3 of Joint Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests and the Minister of Health No. 2300-17 of 11 Moharram 1440 (21 September 2018), establishing the effectiveness, toxicity, and purity criteria for cleaning and disinfection products, as well as the conditions for their use in establishments and companies operating in the food and animal feed sectors)

Part A: *Constituents that may be used in the composition of cleaning and disinfection products for establishments and businesses in the food sector, including the premises for breeding food-producing animals and the animal feed sector*

Chapter I

- Alkali salts, or alkalis: all salts of sodium, potassium, ammonium and alkanolamines.

The constituents of this chapter must not impart toxicologically dangerous characteristics to marketed cleaning products due to their concentrations of contaminating chemical elements:

- arsenic: not more than 3 mg/kg;
- lead: not more than 10 mg/kg;
- zinc and copper: not more than 50 mg/kg, including 25 mg of zinc.

1. FIRST CLASS

Constituents of the “surfactant” type

A- Anionic surfactants

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B- Cationic surfactants

Quaternary ammonium salts mentioned below

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C- Non-ionic surfactants

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D- Amphoteric surfactants (or ampholytes)

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2. SECOND CLASS

Constituents of the “disinfectant” or “preservative” type

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3. THIRD CLASS

“Miscellaneous” constituents

A- Acids (descaling and descaling effect)

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B - Basics

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C. - Soluble mineral salts

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D- Insoluble fillers and adjuvants

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E. - Sequestrants

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F- Antifoaming, anti-redeposition agents or thickeners

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G. - Solvents

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4. FOURTH CLASS

Other constituents

A- Auxiliary agents

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B - Conservatives

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C- Enzymes

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D- Constituents whose use in food products is authorized

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E- Aromatic materials

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F- Colorants

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G- Optical brighteners

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H. – Repellents sensory

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Chapter 2

Constituents of cleaning products, excluding those intended for dish rinsing, that are presented as not requiring rinsing with drinking water after use.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in the descriptions below, the constituents listed in this chapter—regardless of their effects, whether disinfectant or otherwise—are intended exclusively for industrial use.

Let me know if you'd like this adapted to a legal, regulatory, or technical document format.

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Part B: *Constituents which may be used only in the composition of cleaning and disinfection products for premises where food-producing animals are kept:*

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Annex II

Model of the list of effectiveness, toxicity and purity characteristics of cleaning and disinfection products

(Article 4 of Joint Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests and the Minister of Health No. 2300-17 of 11 Moharram 1440 (21 September 2018), establishing the effectiveness, toxicity, and purity criteria for cleaning and disinfection products, as well as the conditions for their use in establishments and companies operating in the food and animal feed sectors)

	Identification of cleaning and disinfection products						Efficiency characteristics			Toxicity characteristics		Purity characteristics			
	Commercial Name	Shape (1)	Product type	Areas of use (2)	Terms of Use (3)	Doses of use	Bactericidal activity	Virucidal activity	Fungicidal activity	Danger indication phrase (4)	Danger Code H (5)	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	Component ...
I-Cleaning product															
II-disinfection product															

- (1) The form, in particular (liquid, solid, smoke, gas or other)
- (2) Area of use (Food industry, Dairy industry, etc.)
- (3) Method of use (Spraying, soaking, fumigation or other)
- (4) and (5) mention the risk phrases and codes in accordance with the GHS (Globally Harmonized System)

Annex III

(Article 5 of Joint Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests and the Minister of Health No. 2300-17 of 11 Moharram 1440 (21 September 2018), establishing the effectiveness, toxicity, and purity criteria for cleaning and disinfection products, as well as the conditions for their use in establishments and companies operating in the food and animal feed sectors)

File summary sheet file:

1. Applicant: Manufacturer ☐ Importer ☐ Distributor ☐

2. Trade name of the product

3. Identification of the applicant

4. Product type:

Cleaning product: ☐

- Detergent ☐

- Degreaser ☐

- Descaler ☐

Disinfectant product: ☐

- Bactericide ☐

- Virucide ☐

- Fungicide ☐

5. Areas of use:

Establishment or companies
of the food sector ☐

Establishment or companies
of the food sector ☐

Breeding
premises ☐

Surfaces

Surfaces

Facilities

Facilities

Equipment including
means of transport

Equipment including
means of transport

Material

Material

Any other object

Any other object

6. Purity characteristics

Constituent 1:	Purity percentage	Content in the finished product (%)
Constituent 2:		

7. Toxicity characteristics:

7.1 Composition and classification:

substance	Classification of the substance according to GHS (**) (H sentences and P sentences)	Product classification based on substance content (*).

(*) Calculated according to Moroccan standard NM 03.2.100 (2007) or, failing that, Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008.

(**) GHS (Globally Harmonized System)

7.2 Recommendation for toxicological classification (by experiment or by calculation)

a. By experimentation:

If available, provide a summary of the results to support this paper.

b. By calculation:

Rely on the recommendations in column 3 of the table in paragraph 7.1.

DANGER INDICATION for the finished product	DANGER PHRASES "H"	CAUTION PHRASES "C"