

Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries No. 490-16 of 20 Joumada I 1437 (29 February 2016) establishing the template of the Mandate for Veterinary Inspections and the procedures for granting, renewing and withdrawing said mandate.

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THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARITIME FISHERIES,

Having regard to Law No. 25-08 establishing the National Office for Food Safety, promulgated by Dahir No. 1-09-20 of 22 Safar 1430 (18 February 2009), in particular its article 2;

Having regard to Decree No. 2-15-219 of 5 Ramadan 1436 (22 June 2015) issued for the application of article 21 of Law No. 28-07 relating to the health safety of food products,

ORDERS:

ARTICLE 1. – The Mandate for Veterinary Inspections, provided for in Article 3 of Decree No. 2-15-219 referred to above, shall be issued, renewed, and withdrawn by the Director General of the National Office for Food Safety (ONSSA), in accordance with the terms set out in this Order.
The template of the Mandate for Veterinary Inspections, provided for in Article 5 of the above-mentioned Decree, is set out in Annex I to this Order.

ARTICLE 2. – The Director General of ONSSA shall determine the number of Mandates for Veterinary Inspections to be granted per prefecture and province, taking into account the needs and resources required to implement health inspection programs and programs to verify the compliance of animal products, products of animal origin, and animal feed within the said prefectures and provinces.

ARTICLE 3. – The number of Mandates for Veterinary Inspections to be issued per prefecture and province shall be the subject of a notice published on the websites of ONSSA and the National Order of Veterinarians, with the aim to allow for the selection of applications to be reviewed by the commission referred to in Article 4 of Decree No. 2-15-219 referred to above.

This notice shall specify, for each relevant prefecture and province:

- the locations where the missions will be carried out;
- the scope and list of activities to be performed within the framework of the said missions;
- the proposed schedule for performing the missions;
- the obligations to be fulfilled and complied with in the execution of said missions.

It shall also indicate the deadline and location for submitting applications.

ARTICLE 4. – The application for a Mandate for Veterinary Inspections, as provided for in Article 4 of Decree No. 2-15-219, must be submitted using the template set out in Annex II to this Order.

The application must be accompanied by the following documents:

- A copy of the applicant's registration certificate with the National Order of Veterinarians;
- A copy of the order granting the health mandate issued under Law No. 21-80 relative to the private practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and pharmacy;

- A certificate issued by the National Order of Veterinarians confirming that the applicant has not been subject to a temporary ban or suspension from the Order during the five years preceding the date of the application, in accordance with Article 3 of Decree No. 2-15-219;
- A notarized undertaking using the template set out in Annex III to this Order;
- A detailed Résumé supported by documentation evidencing the applicant's relevant experience and training.

The application shall be deemed admissible only if all the above documents are submitted.

ARTICLE 5. – The Mandate for Veterinary Inspections may be renewed at the request of its holder, provided the application is submitted at least three (3) months before the expiry date of the mandate and includes the documents listed in Article 4 above.

ARTICLE 6. – Any holder of a valid Mandate for Veterinary Inspections must inform the relevant ONSSA services of any change in their situation that may affect the conditions under which the mandate was granted.

ARTICLE 7. – If it is found by the relevant ONSSA services that the holder of the Mandate for Veterinary Inspections no longer meets one or more of the conditions set out in Article 3 of Decree No. 2-15-219 referred to above, or fails to meet the obligations stipulated in Article 8 of the same Decree, the Director General of ONSSA shall refer the matter to the commission mentioned in Article 4 of the Decree, to obtain its opinion before deciding on the withdrawal of the mandate and notifying the person concerned.

ARTICLE 8. – The list of veterinarians holding a Mandate for Veterinary Inspections shall be compiled and regularly updated by ONSSA and made available for consultation on its website.

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

Annex I: Template of the Mandate for Veterinary Inspections

(Article 1 of Order No. 490-16)

MANDATE FOR VETERINARY INSPECTIONS

No.

The Director General of the National Office for Food Safety (ONSSA),

Having regard to Law No. 25-08 establishing the National Office for Food Safety, promulgated by Dahir No. 1-09-20 of 22 Safar 1430 (18 February 2009), in particular its Article 2;

Having regard to Law No. 28-07 on the health safety of food products, promulgated by Dahir No. 1-10-08 of 26 Safar 1431 (11 February 2010), in particular its Article 21;

Having regard to Decree No. 2-15-219 of 5 Ramadan 1436 (22 June 2015) adopted for the implementation of Article 21 of Law No. 28-07;

Having regard to the Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries No. 490-16 of 20 Joumada I 1437 (29 February 2016) establishing the template of the Mandate for Veterinary Inspections and setting the terms for its issuance, renewal, and withdrawal;

Following the opinion of the commission referred to in Article 4 of Decree No. 2-15-219 of 5 Ramadan 1436 (22 June 2015),

Decides:

Article 1. – The Mandate for Veterinary Inspections, provided for in Decree No. 2-15-219, is hereby granted to Mr./Ms., veterinarian, registered with the National Order of Veterinarians under number .../.../... dated .../.../....., and holder of the health mandate issued by Order No. dated ...(.), for the purpose of carrying out veterinary inspection missions in the prefectures and provinces specified in Article 2 below.

Article 2. – The holder of this Mandate for Veterinary Inspections is tasked with carrying out the following missions:

ONSSA Regional Directorate	Veterinary inspection missions entrusted	Inspection locations	
		Prefectures and/or Provinces	Address(es) of the company(ies) or establishment(s)

Article 3. – The selected veterinarian shall be required to:

– carry out the assigned missions as part of the ONSSA's health inspection and compliance control program for animal products, products of animal origin, and animal feed;

- assist ONSSA officers in the detection and investigation of infractions, particularly during inspections and document product seizures;
- immediately notify the competent ONSSA services of any violations observed while discharging their missions;
- submit a detailed monthly report on the missions carried out to the relevant ONSSA departments.

Article 4. – This mandate shall be valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance indicated below.

It may be renewed at the request of the mandate holder, under the conditions laid out in Order No. 490-16.

Article 5. – In accordance with Article 6 of Decree No. 2-15-219, this mandate for veterinary inspection may be withdrawn under the terms provided in Article 7 of Order No. 490-16.

Issued in Rabat, on

The Director General of ONSSA

Annex II: Application Template for a Mandate for Veterinary Inspections

(Article 4 of order no. 490-16)

Mandate for Veterinary Inspections Application Form			
<input type="checkbox"/> First application		<input type="checkbox"/> renewal (1)	
<u>Veterinarian Identification:</u>			
First and last name: Address: ID card No: Tel. : GSM: Fax: Email: Registration with the ONV no.: of: Health mandate: Order No.: of: Prophylaxis zone allocation: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please indicate its code Allocation of veterinary inspection mandate <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, indicate its code			
<u>Missions requested:</u>			
ONSSA Regional Directorate	Veterinary inspection missions entrusted	Inspection locations	
		Prefectures and/or Provinces	Address(es) of the company(ies) or establishment(s)
- Copy of registration certificate on the ONV register;			
- copy of the Order granting the health mandate;			
- certificate issued by the ONV relating to the temporary ban on practicing and the suspension of the ONV painting;			
- Notarized commitment;			
- Detailed Résumé and accompanying documents.			
Done at On		Signature and stamp: 	
<u>Receipt of application submission and the accompanying file: no.</u>			
Application and file received on/...../.....			

⁽¹⁾ Strike out what is not applicable.

Annex III: Template of the Applicant's Commitment

(Article 4 of Order No. 490-16)

Commitment of the Applicant Veterinarian

I, the undersigned **Dr.**, hereby undertake to perform, under the conditions set forth by the applicable regulations and the technical and administrative procedures governing the mandate of veterinary inspections, all the missions assigned to me by the National Office for Food Safety (ONSSA) within the prescribed deadlines.

Furthermore, I commit to:

- Immediately notify the competent ONSSA services of any infringement of the legislative or regulatory provisions, falling within the mandate scope, observed during my missions, and to submit a detailed report to the veterinary service on a monthly basis, within fifteen (15) days following the end of each month, in accordance with the procedures in force;
- Carry out the missions entrusted to me with integrity, independence, impartiality, and objectivity;
- Inform the competent ONSSA services of any period of unavailability that may affect my ability to perform my duties;
- Refrain from disclosing any information or data obtained during the execution of the missions, except to the concerned operator and the competent ONSSA services.

I hereby declare that I have read and understood the applicable regulations, as well as the technical and administrative procedures governing the mandate of veterinary inspections, including all templates and documents related to the execution and management of said mandate.

Done at, on

The Applicant Veterinarian

Signature and stamp: