

Royal decree No. 129-68 of 28 Shawwal 1387 (29 January 1968) establishing a Permanent Interministerial Commission for Food Control and the Repression of Fraud in the Sale of Goods

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Praise be to God alone!

We, Amir Al Mouminine, King of Morocco,

In view of Royal Decree No. 136-65 of 7 Safar 1385 (7 June 1965) proclaiming a state of emergency;

Having regard to the Dahir of 23 Dhil Kaada 1332 (14 October 1914) on the suppression of fraud in the sale of goods and the falsification of foodstuffs and agricultural products, as amended and supplemented, in particular Articles 31 and 45 thereof;

In view of the Dahir of 13 Ramadan 1363 (1 September 1944) relating to the operation of technical control of Moroccan manufacturing, packaging, and exports;

On the proposal of the Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, in charge of national promotion,

WE DECREE:

Article 1 – A Permanent Interministerial Commission for Food Control and the Repression of Fraud in the Sale of Goods is hereby established for the purpose of:

- proposing all measures intended to improve the quality of food and agricultural products at the production stage;
- studying scientific, technical, or legal issues arising from the development and implementation of legislation relating to food control and the repression of fraud in the sale of foodstuffs, agricultural products, and other goods.

Article 2 – Within the scope of its mandate, the Permanent Interministerial Commission for Food Control and the Repression of Fraud in the Sale of Goods shall issue opinions on:

1. the definition of standards applicable to food products and goods;
2. the means to be implemented in order to coordinate the actions of the various services contributing to food control and fraud repression;
3. the action programs of such services;
4. the means and methods to be implemented for the detection and investigation of fraud and falsification, in particular the determination of the material conditions under which samples are to be taken for such purposes;
5. the approval of laboratories authorized to carry out analyses of the samples taken;

6. the participation in international conferences, congresses, and symposia relating to the repression of fraud and falsification or dealing with matters concerning the definition and control of food products.

Article 3 – The Permanent Interministerial Commission for Food Control and the Repression of Fraud in the Sale of Goods shall comprise, under the chairmanship of the Minister in charge of agriculture or his representative:

- the Minister of Justice;
- the Minister of the Interior;
- the Minister of Public Health;
- the Minister in charge of Trade;
- the Minister in charge of Industry; or their respective representatives.

The secretariat of the Commission shall be provided by the Head of the Fraud Repression Department.

The Commission may, in an advisory capacity, call upon persons known for their scientific or professional expertise.

Article 4 – The Commission shall meet at the invitation of its Chair or at the request of any one of its members.

Article 5 – The Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, in charge of national promotion, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Public Health, and the Minister of Commerce, Crafts, Industry and Mines shall each, within their respective spheres of competence, be responsible for the execution of this Royal Decree, which shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Done in Rabat on 28 Shawwal 1387 (29 January 1968)
El Hassan Ben Mohammed