

Decree No. 2-24-394 of 29 Rabii I 1446 (3 October 2024) on the quality and sanitary safety of marketed sauces.

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The Head of Government,

Having regard to Law No. 28-07 on the sanitary safety of food products, promulgated by Dahir No. 1-10-08 of 26 Safar 1431 (11 February 2010), in particular Articles 5 and 8 thereof;

Having regard to Law No. 13-83 on the repression of fraud in goods, promulgated by Dahir No. 1-83-108 of 9 Moharrem 1405 (5 October 1984), in particular Article 16 thereof;

Having regard to Decree No. 2-10-473 of 7 Shawal 1432 (6 September 2011) issued for the implementation of certain provisions of Law No. 28-07, in particular Articles 4, 5, 48, 53 and 75 thereof;

Having regard to Decree No. 2-12-389 of 11 Jomada II 1434 (22 April 2013) laying down the conditions and procedures for the labeling of food products, as amended and supplemented;

After deliberation in the Government Council, meeting on 15 Rabii I 1446 (19 September 2024),

DECREES:

Article 1 - In accordance with the provisions of Articles 5 and 8 of the Law No. 28-07 on the sanitary safety of food products, this Decree lays down the conditions for ensuring the quality and sanitary safety of sauces placed on the market.

Article 2 - For the purposes of this decree, *saucers* shall mean liquid or semi-liquid preparations intended to improve the appearance, aroma, flavour, or texture of a food product. They may be emulsified or non-emulsified.

Article 3 - Sauces within the meaning of Article 2 of this Decree shall not be considered vegetable preserves within the meaning of Decree No. 2-20-422 of 10 Rabii II 1442 (26 November 2020) on the quality and sanitary safety of marketed vegetable preserves and semi-preserved vegetables.

Article 4 - Sauces may be placed on the market only:

1. under the names provided for by a decree of the government authority in charge of agriculture. They shall comply with the corresponding characteristics laid down by that decree;
2. under the names established by the Codex Alimentarius, where such names are not provided for by the above-mentioned decree. In this case, they shall comply with the corresponding characteristics laid down by the Codex Alimentarius.

For sauces whose names and characteristics are not provided for by the above-mentioned decree or by the Codex Alimentarius, their names and characteristics shall comply with the information appearing on their labelling. The description of the characteristics of such sauces shall be

precise, in such a way as to avoid misleading the consumer and to enable them to be distinguished from other sauces referred to in paragraphs 1) and 2) above.

Article 5 - In accordance with the provisions of Articles 4 and 5 of the Decree No. 2-10-473, establishments and companies producing, processing, transforming, packaging, conditioning, distributing, transporting, storing, or preserving sauces shall be subject, as the case may be, to approval or authorization from a sanitary perspective, in accordance with the legislation and regulations in force.

The operators of these establishments and companies shall ensure the traceability of their products, in accordance with Article 75 of Decree No. 2-10-473.

Article 6 - Importers of sauces shall ensure that the products they import comply with the requirements of this Decree and with the provisions of Article 48 of Decree No. 2-10-473.

Article 7 - Any handling, treatment, or transformation in the manufacture of sauces shall be carried out exclusively with potable water as defined by the regulations in force.

Article 8 - Operators of sauce production establishments and companies shall ensure that the microbiological criteria, as well as the levels of pesticide residues and contaminants in the sauces they place on the market, comply with the regulations in force.

Article 9 - Only food additives authorized by the regulations in force may be used in the manufacture of sauces.

Article 10 - The lawful operations, within the meaning of Article 16 of Law No. 13-83, to which sauces may be subject, if necessary, shall be those set out in the decree referred to in Article 4 above.

Article 11 - Sauces shall be packaged and conditioned in suitable, leak-proof, hermetically sealed, clean, and dry containers, ensuring the preservation of their quality and their sanitary safety.

These containers shall be made of materials that comply with the specifications and requirements established in accordance with Article 53 of Decree No. 2-10-473.

Article 12 - The labelling of sauces shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Decree No. 2-12-389 and, where applicable, with the specific labelling requirements set out in the order referred to in Article 4 above.

Article 13 - The provisions of this decree shall enter into force on the effective date of the order referred to in Article 4 above.

Article 14 - The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development, and Water and Forests, and the Minister of Industry and Commerce, each within their respective areas of competence, shall be responsible for the implementation of this Decree, which shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Done at Rabat, 29 Rabii I 1446 (October 3, 2024)

The Head of Government, AZIZ AKHANNOUCH

FOR COUNTERSIGNATURE:

**The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests,
MOHAMMED SADIKI**

**The Minister of Industry and Commerce,
RIYADH MEZZOUR**