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Report Highlights:

This report contains an unofficial translation of Morocco's requirements on flour fortification. Common wheat flour, with the exception of whole wheat flour must be fortified with an iron-vitamin compound, consisting of elemental iron, folic acid, vitamin B1, vitamin B2 and vitamin PP. Packaging must be provided with a label indicating the term "fortified flour," the representative logo for fortified food products, and indicate the country of origin. No therapeutic indications can be made on the label. This trade measure has not been notified to the WTO. In 2018, the U.S.-Morocco FTA process first-come, first-serve market access for 1,903 MT of U.S. common wheat products (e.g., flour, groats, etc.), which increases two percent annually. Morocco imports 250 MT annually of common wheat products from the EU, Oman, China, and Lebanon, but has yet to import any such products from the United States since the FTA's implementation in 2006.

Decree No. 2-04-52 of December 2, 2005 (Chaoual 29, 1426)
on the flour fortification

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THE PRIME MINISTER,

Having regard to [Law No.13-83](#) relating to the fraud repression on the goods promulgated by the Dahir No.1-83-108 of October 5, 1984 (Moharrem 9, 1405);

Having regard to [Law No.12-94](#) relating to the National interprofessional Office of Cereals and Pulses (ONICL), and the organization of cereals and pulses market, promulgated by the Dahir No.1-95-8 of the February 22, 1995 (Ramadan 22, 1415), in particular Article 14;

Having regard to [Law No.17-88](#) relating to the validity period indication on canned and assimilated products and packaged beverages intended for human or animal consumption promulgated by Dahir No.1-88-179 of September 10, 1993 (Rebie I 22, 1414);

After a favorable opinion from the Permanent Interministerial Commission for Food Control and Fraud repression (CIPCARF) held on April 17, 2002; After examination of the Council of Ministers meeting April 20, 1426 (November 23, 2005),

DECREED:

FIRST ARTICLE:

Flour resulting from milling common wheat - with the exception of whole flour - manufactured, packaged, marketed by the industrial milling or imported into the national territory must be fortified with an iron-vitamin compound, consisting of elemental iron, folic acid, vitamin B1, vitamin B2 and vitamin PP.

Article 2:

In addition to the indications provided for by the regulations in force concerning labeling, the packaging must be provided with a label indicating:

- the term "fortified flour" in very visible and legible characters;
- the representative logo for fortified food products set by decision of the Minister of Health.

In addition, the labeling of imported fortified flour must indicate the country of origin. No therapeutic indications can be made on this label.

Article 3:

The control and verification tests for the concentration of the various constituents of the iron-vitamin compound and the elemental iron of the fortified flour, can be carried out at any time and at any stage from manufacture to consumption, by the agents authorized for this purpose by virtue of the provisions of the aforementioned [Law No.13-83](#) relating to the fraud repression on the goods.

Article 4:

The modalities of application of this Decree, including the composition of the iron-vitamins mixture and the specifications of the fortified flour as well as the material for the addition of the iron-vitamins compound will be taken by joint order of the Minister of Health and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. A register will be kept for this purpose by the industrial flour mills.

Article 5:

A period of six months from the publication of the above-mentioned joint order is granted to the industrial flour mills to enable them to take the necessary steps to implement the fortification operation for common wheat flour.

Article 6:

The Minister of Health and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development are responsible, each for his own part, for the execution of this Decree, which will be published in the Official Bulletin.

Done in Rabat, on December 2, 2005 (Chaoual 29, 1426)

DRISS JETTOU

For countersigning,

Minister of Agriculture and Agricultural Development, *MOHAND LANSAR*

Minister of Health, *MOHAMED CHEIKH BIADILLAH*