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## Morocco

Post: Rabat

# **Pasta Product Ingredient Requirements**

### **Report Categories:**

Food Processing Ingredients

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**FAIRS Subject Report** 

SP2 - Prevent or Resolve Barriers to Trade that Hinder

U.S. Food and Agricultural Exports

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#### **Report Highlights:**

This report contains an unofficial translation of Morocco's requirements for pasta products. Pasta products sold under any denomination or form must be made exclusively from pure durum wheat semolina unless otherwise authorized by the Ministry of Agriculture. In 2018, the U.S.-Morocco FTA provides first-come, first-serve market access for 1,903 MT of U.S. durum products (e.g., semolina, pasta, etc.), which increases two percent annually. Morocco imports 10,000 MT annually of durum products from the EU, Turkey, Tunisia, China, and the UAE, but has yet to import any such products from the United States since the FTA's implementation in 2006.

#### Vizierial Order of August 10, 1955 (21 Hija 1374) relating to the manufacture of pasta

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# THE GRAND VIZIR IN RESTRICTED COUNCIL,

*Having regard to* Dahir of October 14, 1914 (23 kaada 1332) on the repression of frauds in the sale of goods and falsifications of foodstuffs and agricultural products and the texts which modified or completed it;

*Having regard to* Dahir of July 26, 1930 (Safar 29, 1349) on the repression of the offenses against the Dahirs and arrested vizieriels relating to the frauds;

*Having regard to* Dahir of April 24, 1937 (Safar 12, 1356) establishing the Cherifian Interprofessional Office of Wheat and texts which amended or completed it, including Dahir of June 1, 1948 (Rejeb 22, 1367) naming this body «the Cherifian Interprofessional Office of Cereals»

#### **DECIDE:**

**FIRST ARTICLE:** Pasta products sold under any denomination or form must be made exclusively from pure durum wheat semolina.

However, in the event of insufficient availability of durum wheat, an order of the Director of Agriculture and Forestry, made after consultation with the board of Directors of the Interprofessional Cereals Board, may authorize the use, for the manufacture of such pasta, semolina products not derived from durum wheat and determine the conditions and duration of that use.

**Article 2:** The Director of Agriculture and Forestry, the Director of Trade and Merchant Marine, the Director of the Interprofessional Office of Cereals are responsible, each for his own part, for the execution of this Order.

Done in Rabat, August 10, 1955 (Hija 21, 1374), Mohamed EL MOKRI

Viewed for promulgation and execution:

Rabat, September 20, 1955.

The Minister Plenipotentiary, Delegate at the General Residence, F. DE PANAFIEU