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New Requirements Aim to Limit Consumer Good Imports

Report Categories:

FAIRS Subject Report

Dairy and Products

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 an instruction from the Ministry of Commerce to the Director General for Customs, instructing Customs to begin implementing additional technical import requirements for several imported goods with the objective of slowing imports. The additional requirements are not publically available and neither they nor this measure have been notified to the WTO. This measure adversely impacts \$1-5 million of existing U.S. agricultural exports to Tunisia, including cheese; cocoa preparations; bread, pastry, cakes, and wafers; prepared/preserved fruits and nuts; and sauces and mixed condiments.

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**Minister of Commerce
to
The Director General for Customs**

Subject: Subjecting several products to technical control upon importing (book of specifications system)

“Due to the noticeable increase in imports of some food and industrial products contributing to widening the trade deficit and decreasing foreign currency reserves, and in order to rationalize and monitor the rate of importing these products, I have the honor to inform you that it has been decided that technical controls using specification books upon importation be imposed on a collection of consumer goods.

A list of these products subject to technical controls upon importing has been drawn as follows:

Article	Identifying Code	Product
04	0406	Cheese
08	0803	Bananas
08	From 0806 to 0811	Other fruits
17	1704	Candy
18	From 180631 to 180690	Chocolate
19	1902	Pasta
19	1904 and 1905	Cookies, pastries and (potato) chips
20	From 2001 to 2008	Vegetable- and fruit- based processed foods
20	2009	Juice
21	2103	Processed foods
33	From 3303 to 3307	Cosmetics
34	3401	Soap
34	3402	Cleaning products
39	3924	Home plastic containers
61 + 62	61 and 62	Apparel
63	6301 – 6302 – 6303 – 6305 - 6306	Fabric products
64	From 6401 to 6405	Shoes
69	6910	Sanitary porcelain articles
70	7013	Glass containers
85	8509	Home appliances
85	851712	Mobile phones
95	From 9503 to 9508	Toys

Please require your specialized offices to begin applying this procedure as of November 28 2018 by filing the list above under code 695 in the SINDA customs system.

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