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Decree creating the "Agro-alimentary quality" quality assurance marking for agricultural and food products and approving the regulations for its use.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Decree creating the "Agro-alimentary quality" quality assurance marking for agricultural and food products and approving the regulations for its use.



6. Products Concerned

Agricultural and food products with distinctive individual characteristics which enable them to be clearly distinguished from other similar products in the same category.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

"Agro-alimentary quality" quality assurance marking. Monitoring in the region of Murcia.

Regulation of the conditions of use and authorisation of the "Agro-alimentary quality" quality assurance marking for agricultural and food products with specific quality characteristics which will be reflected in the specifications.

The aforementioned products will undergo an external check carried out by the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Water or by the monitoring body authorised by the Ministry.

Any non-profit-making private associated entity or natural person or legal entity which markets, or whose associates market, any of the aforementioned products may voluntarily request the check and be listed on the register which will be created for this purpose.

The request and specifications will be accompanied by a report on the situation in the sector with reference to the product concerned, an agreement with the monitoring body, where appropriate, and the express acceptance of the standard.

The concession or rejection will take place by means of an Order of the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Water within a period of 6 months.

The distinguishing mark which must mandatorily appear in the labelling of the aforementioned products is shown in the Annex.

The Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Water may authorise the certification to be carried out by an association or council which comprises and which equally represents all the sectors concerned, and which fulfils the requirements of 45011.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The main objective of a quality policy is to develop diversification in agricultural production through the reorientation of traditional production towards quality produce, and it is appropriate to provide the economic agents with means of evaluating their products, at the same time guaranteeing consumer protection.

To this end the quality assurance marking "Agro-alimentary quality" is established as a voluntary system which enables operators to make known the individual quality of a product, and provides consumers with a guarantee of the specific characteristics assessed through the appropriate checks.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- Law 32/1988 of 10 November on markings.
- Royal Decree 645/1990 of 18 May, Regulation implementing Law 32/1988 on the registration of markings.
- Royal Decree 1945/1983 of 22 June regulating infringements and sanctions with regard to the defence of



consumer rights and agricultural and food production.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No.

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No.

14. Fiscal measures

No.

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