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Morocco

Trade Policy Monitoring

Trade Policy - Morocco Imposes Tariff Quota on Banana Imports 2001

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Report Highlights:

Morocco imposes additional duties on banana imports when they exceed 7,000 MT.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Morocco imposed a tariff quota on bananas starting October 25, 2001. A yearly quota of 7,000 MT has been set by the Ministry of Finance above which banana imports are subject, in addition to the normal 54.5 % ad valorem customs duty, to the following duties (ad valorem):

Additional Duty (Ad valorem)	Implementation Date
150.0%	Starting Oct.25, 2001
140.0%	Starting Jan. 2002
130.0%	Starting Jan. 2003
120.0%	Starting Jan. 2004
0.0%	Starting Jan. 2005

Source: Official Bulletin 4948 of 1/11/01
Ministry of Finance Decision 1882-01 of Oct.10,01

The Ministry of Foreign trade will be responsible for allocation de "Demande de Franchise Douaniere" (Certificates of Exemption from Additional Duty) to importers.

The implementation of the tariff quota is not likely to impact any trade from the U.S. because imports of fresh banana came mostly from Latin American countries (especially Costa Rica). The table below provides information on banana imports by Morocco:

Calendar Year	1996	1997	1998	1999
Total Quantity (MT)	9,373	4,850	4,373	12,212
Total Value (\$1000)	4,285	2,384	1,911	4,574

Source: Official Moroccan Trade Data (Office des Changes).