

Abstract

Decree project creating the Higher Advisory Consumption Council (C.C.S.C.)

The law N°31-08 enacting consumer protection measures promulgated by the Dahir 1.11.03 of Rabii I 14th, 1432 (February 18th, 2011) provides the creation of the Higher Advisory Consumption Council and this, under the articles 204 and 205 of the aforesaid law.

The present decree project taken in application of the article 205, aims to precise the missions, the composition and the operating procedures of this Council.

For this purpose, the main provisions of this decree project define:

1. The missions of the Higher Advisory Consumption Council

The C.C.S.C. will have :

- To proceed in an advisory capacity to the preliminary examination of the texts projects relating to the consumer protection submitted by public authorities;
- To give advises on general or special order questions referring to defense, protection, respect and to the reinforcement of the consumer rights;
- To advise the legislative and executive powers on the questions that interests the consumer;
- To study and propose the orientations susceptible to reinforce the government action in the field of consumption and the consumer protection.

2. The composition of the Higher Advisory Consumption Council

The C.C.S.C. will be chaired by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, or its representative. This council will be composed by 5 representatives of consumer protection associations and 5 representatives of professional associations besides two researchers specialized in the legal, the economic or the consumption field.

Moreover, 5 ministerial departments are expected to fully participate in the work of C.C.S.C.

3. The functioning of the Higher Advisory of Consumption Council

The secretariat of the C.C.S.C. is ensured by the ministry in charge of the Trade and Industry.

The agenda of the meetings is decided by the Ministry in charge of Trade and Industry on proposals from members of the C.C.S.C.

The C.C.S.C. can create specialized commissions.

The practical modalities of functioning of the C.C.S.C. will be specified by the internal rules which will be elaborated and adopted after the creation of the Council.

The application of the provisions of this decree project will allow our country to have a specialized institution which will be in charge of contributing to the definition of the State policy on consumption and on consumer protection.