



## Legal cannabis: authorization of 67 derivative products

### CONTEXT

Morocco has taken a further step in structuring the legal cannabis value chain for medical, parapharmaceutical, and wellness uses. The competent authorities have authorized 67 products (with mandatory registration at the Moroccan Agency for Medicines and Health Products – AMMPS).

In parallel, ANRAC is strengthening oversight to ensure compliance and the credibility of Morocco's offering, particularly for exports.

### KEY FACTS

- **67 products authorized** in total, including **26 cosmetics** and **41 dietary supplements** (registered with AMMPS).
- **> 2,200 inspections** carried out by ANRAC to check quality and legal compliance.
- **4,400 ha** of the local “baladiya” variety cultivated in **2025**, versus **1,300 ha** in **2024** (increase ≈ **+238%**).
- Targeted **national value chain**: processing → packaging → certification → export.

### TERRITORIAL STAKES & IMPACTS

- **Provinces concerned** (notably Chefchaouen, Al Hoceima): progressive integration of producers into the legal market, economic revitalization, and formalization of employment.
- **Industrial opportunity**: moving up-market (extraction, formulation, QC, certification), anchoring value locally, and spillover effects on SMEs and services (logistics, packaging, lab tests).
- **Export credibility**: compliance (AMMPS/ONSSA) conditions access to EU/Middle East markets and underpins country reputation.

### POINTS OF VIGILANCE

#### 1) Positioning & markets

- Specialize the **TTA** value chain in higher value-added **wellness/cosmetics** segments, with terroir/natural branding (packaging, storytelling, indication of origin).
- Target **exports (EU & Middle East)** by strictly aligning products with the regulatory frameworks of destination countries (technical dossiers, labeling, claims, traceability), with support from **AMMPS / ONSSA / ANRAC**.

#### 2) Employment & training (upstream/downstream)

- Launch a “**TTA Cannabis+**” **Skills Plan**: short programs (BTS / professional bachelor's) in green chemistry, cosmetic formulation, quality control, and traceability to fill qualified roles (chemists, pharmacists, QC, logistics).
- **Prioritize integration of local producers** into legal cooperatives and pre-processing jobs (sorting, drying, first extraction), with legal, social, and financial support for formalization.

#### 3) Industrialization, compliance & R&D

- Create a “**Compliance & Export**” **one-stop window** (CRI-AMMPS-ONSSA-ANRAC): BPF/GMP pre-audits, preparation of target-country dossiers, batch release, and a traceability plan.
- Establish a **TTA R&D-Pilot platform** (extraction, formulation, stability, physicochemical and microbiological testing) to **prototype 4-6 export-ready SKUs/year** (priority: cosmetics/supplements), with pathways to brands/patents.
- **Consolidate the local value chain** (processing → packaging → certification → export) to anchor value in the territory.

#### 4) Governance, dissemination & monitoring

- **Targeted dissemination** of the alert (short + detailed versions) via secure email and portal, acknowledgments of receipt, **follow-up meeting within ≤ 7 days** (urgency level: medium). Monthly update of the “**Legal Cannabis – TTA**” dashboard.
- **Permanent regional task force** (TTA Region, CRI, ANRAC, AMMPS, ONSSA, representatives of cooperatives and industry) to steer execution and clear bottlenecks.

#### Sources

National Agency for the Regulation of Activities Related to Cannabis (ANRAC) : [www.anra.ma](http://www.anra.ma) and Impact Plus analysis