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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>TANZANIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Cocoa paste, whether or not defatted (HS code(s): 1803); Cocoa (ICS code(s): 67.140.30)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> DARS 1818:2024, Cocoa Mass (Liquor) — Specification, First Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 10 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TZA/24_08323_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TZA/24_08323_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This African Standard specifies the quality and safety requirements as well as packaging and labelling for cocoa mass (liquor) intended for human consumption. Note: This Draft Tanzania Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

**9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

1. ARS 56, Standard for Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods
2. ARS 1000-2, Sustainable cocoa — Part 2: Requirements for Cocoa Quality and Traceability
3. FDA Guidelines for Food Hygienic Practices, 2004
4. CAC/RCP 1-1969-Rev.4-2003 Codex Alimentarius Commission - General Principles of Food Hygiene
5. Codex Stan 192, General Standard for Food Additives
6. CXS 234, Recommended methods of analyses and sampling
7. Codex 193 -1995, General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed
8. ISO 4833-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Part 1: Colony count at 30 °C by the pour plate technique
9. ISO 4833-2, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Part 2: Colony count at 30 °C by the surface plating technique
10. ISO 21527-1, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds – Part 1: Colony count technique in products with water activity greater than 0.95
11. ISO 4833-2, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Part 2: Colony count at 30 °C by the surface plating technique
12. ISO 16649-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the enumeration of beta-glucuronidase-positive *Escherichia coli* – Part 1: Colony-count technique at 44 °C using membranes and 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide
13. ISO 6579-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella – Part 1: Detection of *Salmonella* spp.
14. ISO/TS 6579-2, Microbiology of food and animal feed — Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella – Part 2: Enumeration by a miniaturized most probable number technique

**10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** To be determined and notified.

**Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):** To be determined.

**11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):** To be determined.

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**12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):** 9 February 2025

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