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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

1.	Notifying Member: TANZANIA
	If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
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): Cocoa powder, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (HS code(s): 1805); Cocoa (ICS code(s): 67.140.30)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[ ] Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> DARS 1813:2024, Cocoa Powder — Specification, First Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 10
	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TZA/24 08318 00 e.pdf
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This African Standard specifies quality and safety requirements, reference sampling and test methods, packaging and labelling for natural cocoa powder and alkalized cocoa powder intended for human consumption.
	Note: This Draft Tanzania Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
	[] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
	[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
	[X] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
	[]Yes []No
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

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

- 1. CODEX STAN 1, General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods
- 2. CODEX STAN 105, Standard for Cocoa powders (cocoas) and dry mixtures of cocoa and sugars
- 3. CODEX STAN 192, General Standard for Food Additives
- 4. ISO 1842, Fruit and vegetable products Determination of pH
- 5. ISO 4832, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs Horizontal method for the enumeration of coliforms Colony-count technique
- 6. 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
- 7. ISO 21527-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds Part 2: Colony count technique in products with water activity less than or equal to 0.95
- 8. 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
- 9. ISO 16649-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs Horizontal method for the enumeration of beta-glucuronidase-positive *Escherichia coli* Part 2: Colony-count technique at 44 degrees C using 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide
- 10. 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.
  - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 February 2025

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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