



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>TANZANIA</u> 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): Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa, in blocks, slabs or bars weighing > 2 kg or in liquid, paste, powder, granular or other bulk form, in containers or immediate packings of a content > 2 kg (excl. cocoa powder) (HS code(s): 180620); Chocolate (ICS code(s): 67.190)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: CD-ARS 1816:2025, Chocolate and Chocolate Products - Specification, First Edition. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 14 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/TZA/25_03110_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for chocolate and chocolate products intended for human consumption. Note: This Draft Tanzania Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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 Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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. AOAC Official Method 931.04, Moisture in Cacao Products
2. AOAC Official Method 963.15, Fat in Cacao Products Soxhlet Extraction
3. CAC/RCP 1-1969, Rev.3 - 1997 International Code of Practice – General Principles of Food Hygiene
4. CAC/GL 21 – 1997, Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiology in Foods
5. CAC/GL 66, Guidelines for The Use of Flavourings
6. CAC/GL 75, Guidelines on Substances Used As Processing Aids
7. CODEX STAN 87-1981, Rev.1 - 2016), Standard for Chocolate and Chocolate Products
8. CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev.1 - 1991 - Food Labelling of Packaged Foods
9. Codex Stan 192 - 1995, Codex Alimentarius Commission General Standard for Food Additive Addendum (Revised 19 - 2019)
10. 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
11. 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
12. ISO 21528-1, Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae - Part 1: Detection of Enterobacteriaceae
13. ISO 6579:2002, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs - Horizontal method for the detection of *Salmonella* spp.
14. ISO 16649-1, Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the enumeration of betaglucuronidase-positive *Escherichia coli* - Part 1: Colony-count technique at 44°C using membranes and 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide
15. 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°C using 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D- glucuronide
16. CXS 193, General Standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed Codex Pesticide Residue in food online database
17. 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
18. ISO 21528-1, Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae - Part 1: Detection of Enterobacteriaceae
19. ISO 21527-2, Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae – Part 2: Colony-count technique
20. ISO 6579, Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella – Part 4: Identification of monophasic *Salmonella Typhimurium* by polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
21. ISO 16649-1, Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the enumeration of betaglucuronidase-positive *Escherichia coli* - Part 1: Colony-count technique at 44°C using membranes and 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide
22. 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°C using 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide

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

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12. Final date for comments: Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2025

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