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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, UGANDA

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): Cereal flours (excl. wheat, meslin and maize) (HS code(s): 110290); Cereals, pulses and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.060)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: DEAS 1268:2025, Rice flour Specification, First Edition. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 10

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/TZA/25_04070_00_e.pdf

6. Description of content: This draft East Africa Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for rice flour obtained from grinding milled rice of the varieties grown from rice grains, *Oryza* spp. intended for human consumption.

Note: This Draft Tanzania Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.

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:
	 CXS 193, General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed EAS 38, Labelling of pre-packaged foods — General requirements EAS 39, Hygiene in the food and drink manufacturing industry — Code of practice EAS 128, Milled Rice – Specification EAS 900, Cereals and pulses — Sampling EAS 901, Cereals and pulses — Test methods
	 ISO 6579-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella — Part 1: Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> spp. ISO 6888-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and other species) — Part 1: Method using Baird-Parker agar medium
	 ISO 16649-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of betaglucuronidase-positive <i>Escherichia coli</i> — Part 2: Colony- count technique at 44 degrees C using 5-bromo-4- chloro-3-indolyl beta-D- glucuronide
	 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
	11. 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
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): 22 August 2025
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