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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, UGANDA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
3.	<b>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> Nutmeg, mace and cardamoms (HS code(s): 0908); Spices and condiments (ICS code(s): 67.220.10)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> DEAS 1286: 2025, Nutmeg and mace — Specification, First Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 16 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/TZA/25_06590_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/TZA/25_06590_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for nutmeg, whole or broken, and for mace, whole or in pieces, obtained from the nutmeg tree ( <i>Myristica fragrans</i> Houtt.) for human consumption. Note: This Draft Tanzania Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.
7.	<b>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.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <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>

<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CXS 193, General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed</li> <li>2. EAS 38, Labelling of pre-packaged foods — Specification</li> <li>3. EAS 39, Hygiene in the food and drink industry — Code of practice</li> <li>4. EAS 803, Nutrition labelling — Requirements</li> <li>5. EAS 804, Claims on foods — General requirements</li> <li>6. ISO 927, Spices and condiments — Determination of extraneous matter and foreign matter content</li> <li>7. ISO 928, Spices and condiments — Determination of total ash</li> <li>8. ISO 930, Spices and condiments — Determination of acid-insoluble ash</li> <li>9. ISO 939, Spices and condiments — Determination of moisture content Entrainment method</li> <li>10. ISO 948, Spices and condiments — Sampling</li> <li>11. ISO 1003, Spices and condiments — Whole/pieces and ground dried ginger (<i>Zingiber officinale</i> Roscoe) — Specification</li> <li>12. ISO 4833-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the enumeration of micro-organisms — Part 1: Colony-count at 30 °C — Pour plate technique</li> <li>13. ISO 6571, Spices and condiments — Determination of volatile oil content (Hydrodistillation method)</li> <li>14. ISO 6579, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Part 6: Horizontal method for the detection of <i>Salmonella</i> spp.</li> <li>15. ISO 7251, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive <i>Escherichia coli</i> — Most probable number technique</li> <li>16. ISO 16050, Foodstuffs — Determination of aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub>, and the total content of aflatoxins B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, G<sub>1</sub> and G<sub>2</sub> in cereals, nuts and derived products</li> <li>17. 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</li> </ol>	<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined and notified.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>	<p><b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 December 2025</p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <p>Tanzania Bureau of Standards Ubungu, Morogoro Road/Sam Nujoma Road P. O. Box 9524 DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA Tel: +(255 22) 245 0298 +(255 22) 245 0206 Fax: +(255 22) 245 0959 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@tbs.go.tz">info@tbs.go.tz</a> Website: <a href="http://www.tbs.go.tz">http://www.tbs.go.tz</a></p>

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