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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Cheese and curd (HS code(s): 0406); Cheese (ICS code(s): 67.100.30)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: DARS 2132:2025, Gouda cheese — Specification, First Edition. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 10 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/TZA/25_07055_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for gouda cheese intended for direct human consumption or for further processing. Note: This Draft Tanzania Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.
7. Objective and rationale: ☒ 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): ☒ 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. ARS 53, General Principles of Food Hygiene — Code of practice 2. ARS 56, Labelling of Prepackaged Foods

3. ARS 1034, Dairy Industry — Glossary of terms 4. ARS 1036, Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products 5. CXS 192, General Standard for Food Additives 6. CXS 193, General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed 7. CXS 346, General Standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods 8. ISO 707, Milk and milk products — Guidance on sampling 9. ISO 6579-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of <i>Salmonella</i> — Part 1: Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> spp. 10. 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 11. ISO 11290-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and of <i>Listeria</i> spp. — Part 1: Detection method 12. ISO 14501, Milk and milk powder — Determination of aflatoxin M1 content — Clean-up by immunoaffinity chromatography and determination by high-performance liquid chromatography 13. ISO 16649-1, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of beta-glucuronidase-positive <i>Escherichia coli</i> — Part 1: Colony-count technique at 44 degrees C using membranes and 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide 14. ISO 23319, Cheese and processed cheese products, caseins and caseinates — Determination of fat content — Gravimetric method
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): 21 December 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: Tanzania Bureau of Standards Ubungo, 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: info@tbs.go.tz Website: http://www.tbs.go.tz
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