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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Natural gum Arabic (HS code(s): 130120); Food products in general (ICS code(s): 67.040)
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: DEAS 1326: 2026, Gum Arabic — Specification, First Edition. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 38 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/TZA/26_01424_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for food grade Gum Arabic obtained from <i>Acacia senegal</i> (L.) Willdenow var. <i>senegal</i> or <i>Acacia seyal</i> (family <i>Leguminosae</i>) also known as Acacia gum 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 923.03, Ash of Flour (Direct Method)
2. AOAC 952.13, Arsenic in food – Silver diethyldithiocarbamate method
3. AOAC 972.25, Lead in Food: Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometric Method
4. FDEAS 1244, General Standard for the Labelling of Food Additives when sold as such Requirements
5. CAC/GL 50, General guidelines on sampling
6. ISO 4833-1, Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Part 1: Colony count at 30 degrees C by the pour plate technique
7. ISO 4833-2, Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Part 2: Colony count at 30 degrees C by the surface plating technique
8. ISO 5984, Animal feeding stuffs – Determination of crude ash
9. ISO 1871, Food and feed products – General guidelines for the determination of nitrogen by the Kjeldahl method
10. DEAS 1327, Harvesting, handling, processing and storage of Gum Arabic – Code of practice
11. ISO 6579-1, Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella – Part 1: Detection of *Salmonella* spp.
12. 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
13. ISO 7251, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive *Escherichia coli* – Most probable number technique
14. 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

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.

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12. Final date for comments: Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 May 2026

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