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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>TANZANIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
<b>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):</b> Cheese and curd (HS code(s): 0406); Cheese (ICS code(s): 67.100.30)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> AFDC 14 (3721) DTZS, Holomo cheese – Specification, First Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/TZA/26_01419_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/TZA/26_01419_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Tanzania standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for holomo cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing. Note: This Draft Tanzania Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <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 <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>

**9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

1. TZS 4, Rounding off numerical values.
2. TZS 109, Food processing units — Code of hygiene
3. TZS 112, Milk — Production, processing, transportation and distribution — Code of hygiene
4. TZS 118, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for enumeration of micro- organisms — Colony count technique at 30 °C
5. TZS 119, Microbiology — General guidance for the enumeration of coliforms — Most Probable Number technique (MPN)
6. TZS 122, Microbiology of food and feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection of *Salmonella* spp.
7. TZS 124, Milk and milk products — Sampling for microbiological examination
8. TZS 125, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for enumeration of coagulase — positive staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species)
9. TZS 131, Microbiology — General guidance for enumeration of yeast and moulds — Colony count technique at 25 °C
10. TZS 268, General atomic absorption spectrophotometric method for determination of lead in food stuffs
11. TZS 449, General standard for cheese — Specification
12. TZS 450, Cheese methods of sampling and test
13. TZS 538, Packaging and labeling of foods
14. TZS 731, Microbiology of food and feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for detection and enumeration of presumptive *Escherichia Coli* — Most Probable Number Technique
15. TZS 799, Food stuffs – Determination of aflatoxin B1 and the total content
16. TZS 1290, Cheese and processed cheese products — Determination of chloride content by Polari metric titration method
17. TZS 1292, Cheese and processed cheese products — Determination of fat content — Gravimetric method (Reference method)
18. TZS 1326, Animal and vegetable fats and oil — Determination of moisture and volatile matter

**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: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):** 15 May 2026

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