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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: KENYA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Kenya Bureau of Standards
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): Food additives (ICS code(s): 67.220.20), Bay leaf
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: KS 2263:2026, Bay Leaf — Specification (Amendment 1: Amendment to Table 3 - Heavy metal contaminant limits). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 6 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KEN/26_03718_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: Amendment 1: Amendment to Table 3 - Heavy metal contaminant limits. Addition of the column on heavy metal to the table.
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. EAS 35, Edible salt — Specification
2. KS EAS 38, Labelling of pre-packaged foods
3. KS EAS 39, Code of hygienic practice for food and drink manufacturing companies
4. KS ISO 7954:1, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — General guidance for enumeration of yeasts and moulds — Part 8: Colony count technique at 25 degrees C
5. KS ISO 4832, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coli forms — Part 3: Colony-count technique
6. KS ISO 6579, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Part 6: Horizontal method for the detection of *Salmonella* spp
7. KS ISO 6888-1, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs $\frac{3}{4}$ Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species) $\frac{3}{4}$ Part 1: Technique using Baird Parker agar medium
8. KS ISO 7521, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive *Escherichia coli* — Most probable number technique
9. KS ISO 793, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of *Clostridium perfringens* — Colony-count technique
10. KS ISO 6633, Fruits, vegetables and derived products — Determination of lead content — Flameless atomic absorption spectrometric method
11. KS ISO 6634, Fruits, vegetables and derived products — Determination of arsenic content — Silver diethyldithiocarbamate spectrophotometric Method
12. KS ISO 6637, Fruits, vegetables and derived products — Determination of mercury content — Flameless atomic absorption method
13. KS ISO 927, Spices and condiments — Determination of extraneous matter and foreign matter content
14. KS ISO 928, Spices and condiments — Determination of total ash
15. KS ISO 939, Spices and condiments — Determination of Moisture content — Entrainment method
16. KS ISO 930, Spices and condiments — Determination of acid insoluble ash
17. KS ISO 948, Spices and condiments — Sampling
18. KS ISO 6571, Spices, condiments and herbs — Determination of volatile oil content (hydro distillation method)
19. S ISO 16050, Foodstuffs — Determination of Aflatoxin B1, and the total contents of Aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2 in cereals, nuts and derived products — High performance liquid chromatographic method
20. KS 660, Guide to safe use of food additives

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 September 2026**Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):** 30 September 2026**11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):** To be determined.**[] Trade facilitating measure****12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):** 19 September 2026**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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