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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** TANZANIA **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):** Other: (HS code(s): 20079); Fruits, vegetables and derived products in general (ICS code(s): 67.080.01)
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** AFDC 12 (4507) DTZS , Date paste - specification, First Edition. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 8 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/TZA/26_05801_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** This Tanzania standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for date paste prepared from fruits of the date palm (Phoenix dactylifera) intended for human consumption. Note: This Draft Tanzania Standard was also notified under TBT committee.
7.	**Objective and rationale: [X] 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:** **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** CXS 314R-2013, Regional standard for date paste (near east) published by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. **[ ] 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?** **[X] 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. TZS 4, Rounding off numerical values.
2. CXS 193, General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed.
3. TZS 113, Processed fruits and vegetables – Code of hygiene.
4. TZS 118, Food Stuff-General guidance for enumeration of microorganisms – Colony count technique at 30°C.
5. TZS 119, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs - Horizontal method for detection and enumeration of coliforms - Most probable number technique.
6. TZS 125 - Part 1 /ISO 6888-1:1999, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (Staphylococcus aureus and other species) – Part 1: Technique using Baird-Parker agar medium.
7. TZS 131, Microbiology – General guidance for enumeration of yeast and mould – Colony count technique at 25°C.
8. TZS 538, Packaging and labelling of foods TZS 1316/ ISO 928:1997, Spices and Condiments - Determination of total ash.
9. TZS 1318/ ISO 939:1980, Spice and condiments - Determination of moisture content - entrainment method.
10. TZS 1503, Fruits and Vegetables – Determination of Ash Insoluble in Hydrochloric Acid.

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)*:** 9 January 2027

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