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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>MALAWI</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Malawi Bureau of Standards
<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> Rice ( <i>Oryza sativa</i> L.)
<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> Draft Mandatory Malawi Standard for Rice. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 15 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/MWI/17_1090_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/MWI/17_1090_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This draft mandatory standard specifies requirements for mycotoxins, heavy metals, pesticide residues and hygiene (including microbiological limits) for rice. All rice traded in Malawi, whether locally produced or imported, should conform to this standard.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> CODEX STAN 198:1995, Codex Standard for rice <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>

10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 28 April 2017</p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <p>Director General  Malawi Bureau of Standards  P.O. Box 946  Blantyre, Malawi  Tel: +(265) 1 870 488  Fax: +(265) 1 870 756  E-mail: info@mbsmw.org</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Director General  Malawi Bureau of Standards  P.O. Box 946  Blantyre, Malawi  Tel: +(265) 1 870 488  Fax: +(265) 1 870 756  E-mail: info@mbsmw.org</p>