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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>TANZANIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Tanzania Bureau of Standards
3.	<b>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> Wheat or meslin flour (HS code(s): 1101); Cereals, pulses and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.060); Wheat flour
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> DARS 470: 2023, Wheat flour — Specification, Third Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 15 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TZA/23_11999_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TZA/23_11999_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Draft African Standard specifies the requirements, test methods and sampling for wheat flour prepared from common wheat ( <i>Triticum aestivum</i> L.) or club wheat ( <i>Triticum compactum</i> Host), or their mixtures intended for human consumption.  This revised standard has incorporated the specific compositional requirements for wheat flour. The standard prescribes the permissible levels of food additives in wheat flour. Microbiological requirements for wheat flour have also been stipulated.  This African Standard is a technical revision of the second edition ARS 470:2016(E), Wheat flour — Specification which is hereby superseded and cancelled.  Note: This Draft African Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.
7.	<b>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.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <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>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ARS 53, General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice</li> <li>2. ARS 56, Prepackaged foods — Labelling</li> <li>3. ARS 465, Wheat — Specification</li> <li>4. CODEX STAN 192, General standard for food additives</li> <li>5. CODEX STAN 150, Standard for food grade salt</li> <li>6. ISO 1871, Food and feed products — General guidelines for the determination of nitrogen by the Kjeldahl method</li> <li>7. ISO 2171, Determination of ash content</li> <li>8. ISO 2591-1, Test sieving — Part 1: Methods using test sieves of woven wire cloth and perforated metal plate</li> <li>9. ISO 4833, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms — Colony-count technique at 30 degrees C</li> <li>10. ISO 5498, Agricultural food products — Determination crude fibre content — General method</li> <li>11. ISO 6540, Maize — Determination of moisture content (on milled grains and on whole grains)</li> <li>12. ISO 6579, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection of <i>Salmonella</i> spp.</li> <li>13. ISO 6888 (all parts), Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and other species)</li> <li>14. ISO 16050, Foodstuffs — Determination of aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub>, and the total content of aflatoxins B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, G<sub>1</sub> and G<sub>2</sub> in cereals, nuts and derived products — High-performance liquid chromatographic method</li> <li>15. ISO 16649-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of beta-glucuronidase-positive <i>Escherichia coli</i> — Part 2: Colony-count technique at 44 degrees C using 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide</li> <li>16. 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</li> <li>17. ISO 24333, Cereals and cereal products — Sampling</li> <li>18. EAS 1:2012, Wheat flour — Specification</li> <li>19. CODEX STAN 152-1985 (Rev. 1 - 1995), CODEX Standard for wheat flour</li> <li>20. Department of Agriculture, Regulation Gazette No. 30782, 22 February 2008, Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), Regulations relating to the grading, packing and marking of wheat products intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa (available in English)</li> </ol>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined and notified. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure

**12. Final date for comments:** ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 23 October 2023

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