



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, UGANDA</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> Other, including edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal (HS code(s): 02109); Meat and meat products (ICS code(s): 67.120.10)
<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> DEAS 1188: 2023, Edible natural casings—Specification, First edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 14 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TZA/24_00336_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TZA/24_00336_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for edible natural casings fit for human consumption. Edible natural casings shall be derived from gazetted food animals in the EAC partner states and presented as wet, dried and/or salted dried.  This standard does not cover the casing from cellulose and collagens.  Note: This Draft East African Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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. CD-ARS 1287, Transportation of meat and meat products — Requirements
2. EAS 955, Hygienic requirements for the production of packaged meat products
3. Codex Stan 192, General standard for food additives
4. CAC/GL 50, General guidelines on sampling
5. CAC/RCP 58, Code of hygiene practice for meat
6. EAS 38, Labelling of prepackaged foods — Specification
7. ISO 6579, Microbiology of food and animal feeds — Horizontal method for detection, enumeration and serotyping of *Salmonella*, Enumeration by a miniaturized most probable number technique
8. ISO 6888-1, Microbiology of food and animal feeds — Horizontal method for enumeration of Coagulase positive staphylococci. (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species), Detection and MPN technique for low numbers
9. ISO 7251, Microbiology of food and animal feeds — Horizontal method for detection, enumeration of presumptive *Escherichia coli* – Most probable number technique
10. ISO 21527-1, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds — Part 1, Colony count technique in products with water activity greater than 0.95
11. 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
12. ISO 4832, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coliforms — Colony-count technique
13. ISO 4833-1, Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Part 1: Colony count at 30 °C by the pour plate technique
14. ISO 4833-2, Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Part 2: Colony count at 30 °C by the surface plating technique
15. EAS 12, Potable water — Specification
16. EAS 35, Fortified food grade salt — Specification
17. US 1866: 2018, Edible natural casings – Specifications (available in English)

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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):** 11 March 2024

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