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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>KENYA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Kenya 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> Cheese (ICS code(s): 67.100.30)
<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> DARS 1079:2023, Cheeses in Brine – Specification. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 13 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KEN/24_00489_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KEN/24_00489_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This draft African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Cheeses in Brine, intended for direct consumption or further processing, in conformity with the description in Clause 3 of this Standard.  Subject to the provisions of this Group Standard, African Standards for individual varieties of Cheeses in Brine may contain provisions which are more specific than those in 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 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>

<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CODEX STAN 192, General Standard for Food Additives</li> <li>2. CXS 193, General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed</li> <li>3. CXC 1, General Principles of Food Hygiene</li> <li>4. CXC 57, Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products</li> <li>5. CXG 21, Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Foods</li> <li>6. CXS 1, General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods</li> <li>7. CXS 234, Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling</li> <li>8. WD-ARS XXX, Glossary of Dairy Terms</li> <li>9. ISO 6579-1, Microbiology of the food chain. Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration, and serotyping of <i>Salmonella</i> Part 1: Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> spp.</li> <li>10. ISO 11290-1, Microbiology of the food chain. Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and of <i>Listeria</i> spp. Part 1: Detection method</li> <li>11. ISO 6888-1, Microbiology of the food chain-Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and other species): Part 1: Method using Baird-Parker agar medium</li> <li>12. ISO 16649, Microbiology of the food chain-Horizontal method for the enumeration of beta-glucuronidase-positive <i>Escherichia coli</i>: Part 1: Colony-count technique at 44 degrees C using membranes and 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide</li> <li>13. ISO 19020, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the immunoenzymatic detection of staphylococcal enterotoxins in foodstuffs</li> </ol>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 June 2024  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 June 2024</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  <b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 15 March 2024  <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>  Kenya Bureau of Standards  WTO/TBT National Enquiry Point  P.O. Box: 54974-00200, Nairobi, Kenya  Tel: +(254) 020 605490  +(254) 020 605506/6948258  Fax: +(254) 020 609660/609665  E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@kebs.org">info@kebs.org</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.kebs.org">http://www.kebs.org</a></p>
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