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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**NOTIFICATION** 1. Notifying Member: SOUTH AFRICA If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade, Industry and Competition 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): Chilled smoked finfish and smoke-flavoured finfish (HS codes: 03, 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [X] [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Amendment of a Compulsory Specification for chilled smoked finfish and smoke-flavoured finfish (VC8021). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 13 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/ZAF/24 03658 00 e.pdf Description of content: This Compulsory Specification requires that chilled smoked finfish and smoke-flavoured finfish (VC8021), which are to be offered for sale, comply with this Compulsory Specification and the requirements of the latest edition of the South African National Standard (SANS) 2877 that apply to the handling, preparation, processing, packing, transportation, storage and quality of smoked finfish, smokeflavoured finfish and products derived therefrom, as well as the requirements for the ingredients of the products covered by this specification. The hygiene requirements for the product, as well as chemical and microbiological contaminant requirements for the product, and the requirements for employees at the packing facility, shall comply with the requirements of the latest edition of SANS 2877. 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: Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex [X] standard or related text): Standard for smoked fish, smoke-flavoured fish and smoke-dried fish - CODEX STAN 311 [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

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: South African National Standard (SANS) 2877: Chilled smoked finfish and smoke-flavoured finfish, available on <a href="http://www.sabs.co.za">http://www.sabs.co.za</a> (available in English)
- **10. Proposed date of adoption** (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined after all comments are taken into consideration.

**Proposed date of publication (***dd/mm/yy***):** To be determined after all comments are taken into consideration.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined after all comments are taken into consideration.
  - [] 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 August 2024

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