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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** TANZANIA **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
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):** Natural honey (HS code(s): 0409); Processes in the food industry (ICS code(s): 67.020)
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** TBS/ AFDC 17 (2978) DTZS, Code of practice for Honey processing, First Edition. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 22 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TZA/24_07921_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** This draft standard prescribes the code of practice for production, harvesting, processing, storage, packaging and transportation of honey. This Standard applies to honey produced by *Apis mellifera* bees. However, honey from other bee species may be allowed as long as the honey produced by other bee species meets the criteria in the standard.
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 standard or related text)*:** **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[X] None** **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[ ] 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:**

1. TZS 538, Pre -packaged food labelling - General requirements.
2. TZS 851, Honey specification
3. TZS 789, Portable water – Specification
4. TZS 1921, Beehives - Specification
5. TZS 109, Food processing units - Codes of hygiene

10. **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined and notified.

Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*: To be determined.

11. **Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:**

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 21 January 2025

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