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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>TANZANIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Cheese and curd (HS code(s): 0406); Cheese (ICS code(s): 67.100.30)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): DARS 1038:2025, Karish cheese – Specification, First edition; (9 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/TZA/26_01436_00_e.pdf Tanzania Bureau of Standards Ubungu, Morogoro Road/Sam Nujoma Road P. O. Box 9524 DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA Tel. No: +255 22 245 0298/+255 22 245 0206 Email: nep@tbs.go.tz Website: www.tbs.go.tz Telefax: +255 22 2450959 E-mail: info@tbs.go.tz Website: http://www.tbs.go.tz
6. Description of content: This Tanzania standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for cheeses in brine intended for direct consumption or for further processing Note: This Draft Tanzania Standard was also notified under SPS committee.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade; Cost saving and productivity enhancement

8. Relevant documents:

1. TZS 4, Rounding off numerical values
2. TZS 109, Food processing units —Code of hygiene
3. TZS 112, Milk — Production, processing, transportation and distribution — Code of hygiene
4. TZS 118, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for enumeration of micro-organisms — Colony count technique at 30 °C
5. TZS 119, Microbiology — General guidance for the enumeration of coliforms — Most Probable Number technique (MPN)
6. TZS 122 – Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the detection of *Salmonella* spp
7. TZS 124, Milk and milk products — Sampling for microbiological examination
8. TZS 125 – Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species) – Part 1: Technique using Baird-parker agar medium – Amendment 1: Inclusion of precision data
9. TZS 131, Microbiology — General guidance for enumeration of yeast and moulds —Colony count technique at 25 °C
10. TZS 268, General atomic absorption spectrophotometric method for determination of lead in food stuffs
11. TZS 799, Food stuffs – Determination of aflatoxin B1 and the total content
12. TZS 450, Cheese methods of sampling and test
13. TZS 538, Packaging and labeling of foods
14. TZS 852-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for detection and enumeration of *Listeria monocytogenes* — Enumeration method
15. TZS 1292, Cheese and processed cheese products — Determination of fat content —Gravimetric method
16. TZS 1291, Cheese and processed cheese products —Determination of total solid content
17. TZS 731, Microbiology of food and feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for detection and enumeration of presumptive *Escherichia Coli* — Most Probable Number Technique

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 12 May 2026

[X] 60 days from notification

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