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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>TANZANIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
3.	<b>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 and curd (HS code(s): 0406); Cheese (ICS code(s): 67.100.30)
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> DARS 1042:2025, Butterkase cheese — Specification, First Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 9 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/TZA/25_05427_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/TZA/25_05427_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Butterkase cheese intended for direct human consumption or for further processing. Note: This Draft Tanzania Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.
7.	<b>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.
8.	<b>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. ARS 53, General Principles of Food Hygiene – Code of practice</li> <li>2. ARS 56, Labelling of Prepackaged Foods</li> <li>3. ARS 1034, Dairy industry – Glossary of terms</li> <li>4. CXS 192, General Standard for Food Additives</li> <li>5. CXS 193, General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed</li> <li>6. 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>7. 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>8. ISO 16649-1, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – 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>9. 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>10. ISO 23319, Cheese and processed cheese products - Determination of fat content- Gravimetric method (Reference method)</li> </ol>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined and notified.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 October 2025  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:  Tanzania Bureau of Standards  Ubungo, Morogoro Road/Sam Nujoma Road  P. O. Box 9524  DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA  Tel: +(255 22) 245 0298  +(255 22) 245 0206  Fax: +(255 22) 2450959  E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@tbs.go.tz">info@tbs.go.tz</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.tbs.go.tz">http://www.tbs.go.tz</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:  Tanzania Bureau of Standards  Ubungo, Morogoro Road/Sam Nujoma Road  P. O. Box 9524  DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA  Tel: +(255 22) 245 0298  +(255 22) 245 0206  Fax: +(255 22) 2450959  E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@tbs.go.tz">info@tbs.go.tz</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.tbs.go.tz">http://www.tbs.go.tz</a></p>