NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** TANZANIA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Tanzania Bureau of Standards |
| **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):** Wheat or meslin flour (HS code(s): 1101); Cereals, pulses and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.060); Wheat flour |
| **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:** DARS 470: 2023, Wheat flour — Specification, Third Edition.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 15  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TZA/23\_11999\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TZA/23_11999_00_e.pdf" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Draft African Standard specifies the requirements, test methods and sampling for wheat flour prepared from common wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) or club wheat (*Triticum compactum* Host), or their mixtures intended for human consumption.  This revised standard has incorporated the specific compositional requirements for wheat flour. The standard prescribes the permissible levels of food additives in wheat flour. Microbiological requirements for wheat flour have also been stipulated.  This African Standard is a technical revision of the second edition ARS 470:2016(E), Wheat flour — Specification which is hereby superseded and cancelled.  Note: This Draft African Standard was also notified under TBT Committee. |
| **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. ARS 53, General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice 2. ARS 56, Prepackaged foods — Labelling 3. ARS 465, Wheat — Specification 4. CODEX STAN 192, General standard for food additives 5. CODEX STAN 150, Standard for food grade salt 6. ISO 1871, Food and feed products — General guidelines for the determination of nitrogen by the Kjeldahl method 7. ISO 2171, Determination of ash content 8. ISO 2591-1, Test sieving — Part 1: Methods using test sieves of woven wire cloth and perforated metal plate 9. ISO 4833, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms — Colony-count technique at 30 degrees C 10. ISO 5498, Agricultural food products — Determination crude fibre content — General method 11. ISO 6540, Maize — Determination of moisture content (on milled grains and on whole grains) 12. ISO 6579, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection of Salmonella spp. 13. ISO 6888 (all parts), Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species) 14. ISO 16050, Foodstuffs — Determination of aflatoxin B1, and the total content of aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2 in cereals, nuts and derived products — High-performance liquid chromatographic method 15. ISO 16649-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of beta-glucuronidase-positive *Escherichia coli* — Part 2: Colony-count technique at 44 degrees C using 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide 16. ISO 21527-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds — Part 2: Colony count technique in products with water activity less than or equal to 0.95 17. ISO 24333, Cereals and cereal products — Sampling 18. EAS 1:2012, Wheat flour — Specification 19. CODEX STAN 152-1985 (Rev. 1 - 1995), CODEX Standard for wheat flour 20. Department of Agriculture, Regulation Gazette No. 30782, 22 February 2008, Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), Regulations relating to the grading, packing and marking of wheat products intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa   (available in English) |
| **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: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **[****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)*:** 23 October 2023  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****]****National Notification Authority, [****]****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) 245 0959  E-mail: [info@tbs.go.tz](mailto:info@tbs.go.tz)  Website: <http://www.tbs.go.tz> |
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