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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>KENYA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Kenya 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): Cheese (ICS code(s): 67.100.30)
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 1076:2023, Extra hard grating cheeses — Specification. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 11 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KEN/24 00487 00 e.pdf
6.	Description of content: This Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for extra hard grating cheeses, intended for direct consumption or further processing.
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 56, Pre-packaged foods Labelling
 - 2. ARS XXX, Glossary of Dairy Terms
 - 3. CODEX STAN 192, General Standard for Food Additives
 - 4. CXS 193, General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed
 - 5. CXC 1, General Principles of Food Hygiene
 - 6. CXC 57, Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products
 - 7. CXG 21, Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Foods
 - 8. ISO 6579-1, Microbiology of the food chain Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella Part 1: Detection of Salmonella spp.
 - 9. ISO 6888-1, Microbiology of the food chain-Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species): Part 1: Method using Baird-Parker agar medium
 - ISO 11290-1, Microbiology of the food chain Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Listeria monocytogenes and of *Listeria* spp. — Part 1: Detection method
 - 11. ISO 16649-1, Microbiology of the food chain-Horizontal method for the enumeration of beta-glucuronidase-positive *Escherichia coli*: Part 1: Colony-count technique at 44 degrees C using membranes and 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 June 2024
 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30 June 2024
- 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): 15 March 2024

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