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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>KENYA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Kenya Bureau of Standards
<b>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):</b> Cheese (ICS code(s): 67.100.30)
<b>4. 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:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> DARS 1078:2023, Group Standard for un-ripened cheese including fresh cheese – Specification. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 12 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KEN/24_00488_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KEN/24_00488_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Standard applies to the requirements, sampling and test methods for un-ripened cheese including fresh cheese, intended for direct consumption or further processing. Subject to the provisions of this Standard, ARSO Standards for individual varieties of un-ripened cheese may contain provisions, which are more specific than those in this Standard and in these cases; those specific provisions shall apply.
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. 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. CXS 221, Group Standard for Un-ripened Cheese including fresh cheese</li> <li>2. CODEX STAN 192, General Standard for Food Additives</li> <li>3. CXS 193, General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed</li> <li>4. CXC 1, General Principles of Food Hygiene</li> <li>5. CXC 57, Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products</li> <li>6. CXG 21, Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Foods</li> <li>7. CXS 234, Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling</li> <li>8. ARS 56, Pre-packaged foods — Labelling</li> <li>9. ARS 1073, Cheese - Specification</li> <li>10. ISO 6579-1, Microbiology of the food chain. Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella Part 1: Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> spp.</li> <li>11. 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> </ol>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 June 2024  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 June 2024</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.  <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): 15 March 2024  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Kenya Bureau of Standards  WTO/TBT National Enquiry Point  P.O. Box: 54974-00200, Nairobi, Kenya  Tel: +(254) 020 605490  +(254) 020 605506/6948258  Fax: +(254) 020 609660/609665  E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@kebs.org">info@kebs.org</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.kebs.org">http://www.kebs.org</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Kenya Bureau of Standards  WTO/TBT National Enquiry Point  P.O. Box: 54974-00200, Nairobi, Kenya  Tel: +(254) 020 605490  +(254) 020 605506/6948258  Fax: +(254) 020 609660/609665  E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@kebs.org">info@kebs.org</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.kebs.org">http://www.kebs.org</a></p>