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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 1073:2023, Cheese — Specification. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 13 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KEN/24_00493_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KEN/24_00493_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Draft African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cheese intended for direct human consumption or further processing.  This general standard applies in addition to any further specifications for individual varieties of cheese, or groups of varieties of cheese which is a subject of specific African Standard designated by a specific name.
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CXS 283, General Standard for Cheese</li> <li>• CODEX STAN 192, General Standard for Food Additives</li> <li>• CXS 193, General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed</li> <li>• CXC 1, General Principles of Food Hygiene</li> <li>• CXC 57, Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products</li> <li>• CXG 21, Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Foods</li> <li>• ARS 56, Pre-packaged foods — Labelling</li> <li>• ARS xxx, Terms and definitions</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 June 2024</p> <p><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.</p> <p><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</p> <p><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>