NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** KENYA  **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):** Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS code(s): 07); Food products in general (ICS code(s): 67.040) |
| **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 2119, Dried shredded cassava (Abacha) - Specification. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 13  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KEN/24_07712_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Draft African standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for dried shredded cassava commonly referred to as Abacha for human consumption. |
| **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:**  **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**   * CODEX STAN 193, Codex general standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed * CAC/MRL, 2019, Codex Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides and Extraneous Maximum Residue Limits in Food On Line Database, 2019-Processed Products * CAC/RCP 1- 2003, Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene * Codex Stan-1-Rev 2018, Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-Packaged Foods * CAC/GL 50, Codex General Guidelines on Sampling   **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[X] 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 835, Fresh sweet cassava — Specification 2. ISO 712, Cereals and cereal products — Determination of moisture content — Routine reference method 3. ISO 5498, Agricultural food products — Determination of crude fibre content — General method 4. ISO 750, Fruit and vegetable products — Determination of titratable acidity 5. ISO 10520, Native starch — Determination of starch content — Ewers polarimetric method 6. ISO 3593, Starch - Determination of Ash 7. ISO 2164, Pulses – Determination of glycosidic hydrocyanic acid 8. ISO 1842, Fruit and vegetable products — Determination of pH 9. ISO 20483, Cereals and Pulses - Determination of The Nitrogen Content and Calculation of the Crude Protein 10. ISO 4833, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms — Colony-count technique at 30 degrees 11. ISO 7251, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive *Escherichia coli* — Most probable number technique 12. ISO 6579, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection of *Salmonella* spp. 13. ISO 6888-1, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species) — Part 1: Technique using Baird-Parker agar medium 14. ISO 6888-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species) — Part 2: Technique using rabbit plasma fibrinogen agar medium 15. ISO 6888-3, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species) — Part 3: Detection and MPN technique for low numbers 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 16050, Foodstuffs – Determination of aflatoxin B1 and the total content of aflatoxin 1, B2, G1 and G2 in cereals, nuts and derived products- High performance liquid chromatographic method 18. AOAC 973.37 (12), Official Method - Determination of Ochratoxin A in Foods 19. AOAC 984.27, Official Method - Determination of Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, Manganese, Potassium, Phosphorus, Sodium, and Zinc in Fortified Food Products by Microwave Digestion and Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectrometry 20. AOAC 974.36, Official Method – Micro-chemical Determination of Bromine, Chlorine, or Iodine- Oxygen Flask Combustion Method 21. AOAC 2011.19, Official Method - Determination of Chromium, Selenium, and Molybdenum in Nutritional Products 22. AOAC 2015.01, Official Method - Heavy Metals in Food Inductively Coupled Plasma– Mass Spectrometry First Action 2015 - Aluminium 23. AOAC 1990, Official Method - Determination of oxalate content of foods by colorimetric method |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** March 2025  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** March 2025 |
| **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)*:** 12 January 2025  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  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: [info@kebs.org](mailto:info@kebs.org)  Website: [http://www.kebs.org](http://www.kebs.org/) |
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