NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Malawi  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Malawi Bureau of Standards  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  The Director General Malawi Bureau of Standards P.O Box 946 Blantyre Malawi Telephone:+265 0887376/444/445/446/447  Fax: +265 1 870 756 Email: [mbs@mbsmw.org](mailto:mbs@mbsmw.org) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Covers all styles of honey presentations, which are processed and ultimately intended for direct consumption. It also applies to honey used as an ingredient in other foods and honey, which is packed for sale in bulk containers, which may be repacked into retail packs.; (HS: 04); (ICS: 67) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DMS 366:2021, Honey ─ Specification (9 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:**  This draft Malawi standard applies to all honeys produced by honey bees and covers all styles of honey presentations, which are processed and ultimately intended for direct consumption.  It also applies to honey used as an ingredient in other foods and honey, which is packed for sale in bulk containers, which may be repacked into retail packs. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   1. MS 19*: Labeling of prepacked foods – General standard;* 2. MS 21*: Code of hygienic conditions for food and food processing units;* 3. MS 302*: Contaminants and toxins in foods – General standard;* 4. MS 801*: Honey ̶  Methods of test;* 5. AOAC Official Method 977.26: *Clostridium botulinum and its toxins in foods. Microbiological method;* 6. ISO 6579-1*: Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella – Part 1: Detection of Salmonella spp;* 7. ISO 7251: *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive Escherichia coli – Most probable number technique;* 8. ISO 7937: *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the enumeration of Clostridium perfringens – Colony-count technique;* and 9. 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.* |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined; 6 months from adoption |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  The Director General Malawi Bureau of Standards P.O Box 946 Blantyre Malawi Telephone:+265 0887376/444/445/446/447  Fax: +265 1 870 756 Email: [mbs@mbsmw.org](mailto:mbs@mbsmw.org)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/MWI/22_2335_00_e.pdf> |