NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Rwanda  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Rwanda Standards Board (RSB) KK 15 Rd, 49  P.O.BOX 7099, Kigali, Rwanda  Tel: +250 788303492 Email: [info@rsb.gov.rw](mailto:info@rsb.gov.rw)  Website: [www.rsb.gov.rw](http://www.rsb.gov.rw)  **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:** |
| **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):** Mineral materials and products (ICS 91.100.15) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DRS 484: 2021, Adobe blocks (Rukarakara) — Specification (25 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Draft Rwanda Standard provides the requirements, sampling and test methods for adobe blocks, also known as "Rukarakara" for interior and exterior use in masonry walling. The use of adobe blocks specified in this Draft Rwanda Standard applies to all buildings in category two (2) as provided in the Ministerial Order governing the categorization of buildings. Construction with adobe blocks is regulated by the Rwanda Building Code and other related regulations. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Cost saving and productivity enhancement |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   1. RS ISO 14688-1, Geotechnical investigation and testing. Identification and classification of soil. Identification and description. 2. RS EAS 18-1, Cements ― Part 1: Composition, specification and conformity criteria for common cements |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **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:**  KK 15 Rd, 49  Toll Free: 3250  Tel: +250 788303492 Email: [info@rsb.gov.rw](mailto:info@rsb.gov.rw) Website: [www.rsb.gov.rw](http://www.rsb.gov.rw) P.O.BOX 7099, Kigali, Rwanda  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/RWA/21_6515_00_e.pdf> |