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 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **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 code(s): 91.100.15) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DRS 549: 2023, Natural stone test method — Determination of water absorption at atmospheric pressure; (11 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Draft Rwanda standard specifies a method for determining the water absorption of natural stone – see DRS 515 for terminology and DRS 5278 for denomination - by immersion in water at atmospheric pressure. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   1. DRS 528, Natural stone test methods: Denomination criteria 2. DRS 515, Natural stone – Terminology |
| **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 [****]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Rwanda Standards Board (RSB)  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/2023/TBT/RWA/23_0538_00_e.pdf> |