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):** Masonry (ICS code(s): 91.080.30) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DRS 538: 2023, Masonry units test methods — Determination of initial shear strength; (21 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies a method for determining the in plane initial shear strength of horizontal bed joints in masonry using a specimen tested in shear.  Guidance is given on the preparation of the specimens, the conditioning required before testing, the testing machine, the method of test, the method of calculation and the contents of the test report. |
| **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; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   1. DRS 536 Methods of test for masonry units — Determination of dimensions 2. RS 108, Mortar for masonry — Specification. |
| **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_0544_00_e.pdf> |