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):** Spices and condiments (ICS code(s): 67.220.10) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DRS 548: 2023, Processed chili — Specification; (15 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Working Draft Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for processed chili intended for direct human consumption excluding chilli oil and chilli sauce. |
| **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. AOAC 950.17, Citric acid in non-alcoholic beverages 2. AOAC 952.13, Arsenic in food. Silver diethyldithiocarbamate 3. AOAC 962.17, Volatile oil in spices 4. AOAC 973.34, Cadmium in food. Atomic absorption spectrophotometric method 5. AOAC 999.10, Lead, Cadmium, Zinc, Copper, and Iron in Foods 6. ISO 948, Spices and condiments — Sampling 7. ISO 3513, Chillies — Determination of Scoville index 8. ISO 16649-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of beta-glucuronidase-positive Escherichia coli — Part 2: Colony-count technique at 44 degrees C using 5- bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide 9. RS CAC/RCP 1, General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice 10. RS CODEX STAN 192, General standard for food additives 11. RS EAS 38, Labelling of pre-packaged foods — General requirements 12. RS ISO 1842, Fruit and vegetable products — Determination of pH 13. RS ISO 3960, Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Determination of peroxide value — Iodometric (visual) endpoint determination 14. RS ISO 4833-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms — Part 1: Colony count at 30 degrees C by the pour plate technique 15. RS ISO 6579-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella — Part 1: Detection of Salmonella spp. 16. RS ISO 21527-1, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds — Part 1: Colony count technique in products with water activity greater than 0,95 |
| **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_0552_00_e.pdf> |