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):** Alcoholic beverages (ICS code(s): 67.160.10) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DRS 344: 2023, Plant flavoured alcoholic drinks —Specification; (15 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for plant flavoured alcoholic drinks. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   1. AOAC 986.15, Arsenic, Cadmium, Lead, Selenium and zinc in human and pet foods 2. AOAC 972.11 Methanol in distilled liquors 3. AOAC 999.10, Lead, Cadmium, Copper, Iron and Zinc in, Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry 4. ISO 15214, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of mesophilic lactic acid bacteria — Colony-count technique at 30 degrees C 5. RS 164, Honey — Specification 6. RS CAC/RCP 1, General Principles of Food Hygiene 7. RS CODEX STAN 192, General Standard for Food Additives 8. RS EAS 12, Potable water — Specification 9. RS EAS 38, Labelling of pre-packaged foods — General requirements 10. RS EAS 104, Alcoholic Beverages — Method of sampling and testing 11. RS EAS 144, Neutral spirit — Specification 12. RS ISO 1842, Fruit and vegetable products — Determination of pH 13. RS ISO 16050, Foodstuffs — Determination of aflatoxin B1, and cereals, nuts and derived products — High performance liquid chromatographic method the total content of aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2 14. RS 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 15. RS ISO 17240, Fruit and vegetable products — Determination of tin content — Method using flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometry 16. RS ISO 4832, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coliforms — Colony-count technique 17. 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 18. 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. 19. RS ISO 6888-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (Staphylococcus aureus and other species) — Part 2: Technique using rabbit plasma fibrinogen agar medium 20. 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_0582_00_e.pdf> |