NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** MALAWI  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Malawi Bureau of Standards  **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:**  Director General  Malawi Bureau of Standards  P.O Box 946  Blantyre  Malawi  Telephone:+265 887 376 444  Fax: +265 1 870 756  Email: [info@mbsmw.org](mailto:info@mbsmw.org) |
| **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):** (HS code(s): 09); (ICS code(s): 67.250) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DMS 2071:2024, Tea and herbs bags – Specification; (4 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:**  This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for tea and herbs bags. |
| **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. MS 19: Labelling of prepacked foods – General standard 2. MS 21: Food and food processing units – Code of hygienic conditions 3. MS 302: Contaminants and toxins in food and feed – General standard 4. ISO 168: Paper and board – Sampling to determine average quality 5. ISO 287: Paper and board – Determination of moisture content 6. ISO 534: Paper and board- Determination of thickness, density and specific Volume 7. ISO 5636-1: Paper and board – Determination of air permanence – Part 1: General method 8. ISO 8784-1: Pulp, paper and board – Microbiological examination – Part 1: Total count of bacteria, yeast, mould based on disintegration 9. ISO 11475: Paper and board – Determination of whiteness 10. ISO 12625-4 and 5: Tissue paper and tissue products- Determination of tensile strength 11. ISO 13302: Sensory analysis – Methods for assessing modifications to the flavour of foodstuffs due to packaging; and 12. ISO 13914: Soil quality – Determination of dioxins and furans and dioxin-like polychlorinated biphenyls by gas chromatography with high-resolution mass selective detection (GC/HRMS). 13. ISO 15320: Pulp, paper and board – Determination of pentachlorophenol in an aqueous extract |
| **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:**  Director General  Malawi Bureau of Standards  P.O Box 946  Blantyre  Malawi  Telephone:+265 887 376 444  Fax: +265 1 870 756  Email: [info@mbsmw.org](mailto:info@mbsmw.org)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/MWI/24_06423_00_e.pdf> |