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 887376/444  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):** (ICS code(s): 67.120.30) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DMS 1973:2023, Fish balls – Specification; (6 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements and method of sampling and test for partially cooked fish balls that are chilled or frozen |
| **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 115: Frozen fish – Specification 4. MS 237: Food additives – General Standard 5. MS 302: Contaminants and toxins in foods and feed – General standard 6. MS 624: Nutrition labelling – Guidelines 7. MS 625: Nutrition claims – Guidelines 8. MS 770: Fresh fish –Specification 9. MS 790: Code of hygienic practice for fish and fishery products 10. MS 1236: Textured soy protein products – Specification; 11. MS 1250: Meat and meat products – Determination of moisture content 12. MS 1251: Meat and meat products – Determination of nitrogen content 13. ISO 4833: Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Colony-count technique at 30 degrees 14. ISO 6579: Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the detection of Salmonella spp. 15. ISO 6888: Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (Staphylococcus aureus and other species) 16. ISO 7251: Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive Escherichia coli – Most probable number technique 17. ISO 7937: Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the enumeration of Clostridium perfringens – Colony-count technique 18. ISO 11290: Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Listeria monocytogenes and of Listeria spp. 19. ISO 21872-1: Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the detection of potentially enteropathogenic Vibrio spp. – Part 1: Detection of Vibrio parahaemolyticus and Vibrio cholera |
| **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:**  Director General  Malawi Bureau of Standards  P.O Box 946  Blantyre  Malawi  Telephone:+265 887376/444  Fax: +265 1 870 756  Email: [info@mbsmw.org](mailto:info@mbsmw.org)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/MWI/24_06403_00_e.pdf> |