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COMMUNICATION FROM TANZANIA

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Tanzania with the request that it be circulated to Members of the Committee.

1. It is to inform Members on behalf of the Ministry of Industries and Trade – Tanzania Bureau of Standards of twenty-four Tanzanian Technical Regulations notified under the Standards (Compulsory Batch Certification of Imports) Regulation, 1998 (see Annex). These technical regulations cover food products, cosmetics, textiles, building materials, electrical appliances, automotive engineering, tyres and bus body building. They are grouped according to three areas of objectives of human health, safety and the environment. The Standards (Compulsory Batch Certification of Imports) Regulation, 1998, requires importers to inform the Tanzania Bureau of Standards of any products falling under these regulations.

2. This information is provided for purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the trade effects that these regulations may have on other Members of the WTO.

ANNEX

Technical Regulations

1. TZS 57: 1999 Safety matches in boxes – Specification

Prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for safety matches in boxes, both handmade and machine made. (12 pages).

ICS: 97.180

2. TZS 100: 1982 Plantation white sugar – Specification

Gives the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for plantation white sugar. (10 pages)

ICS: 67.180.10

3. TZS 101: 1982 Refined sugar – Specification

Prescribes the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for refined sugar. (5 pages)

ICS: 67.180.10

4. TZS 115: 1999 Food additives – permissible levels of use – Schedule

Provides a guide to authorities and manufacturers concerned with the permissibility of additives. Importation authorities are advised to ensure that only those additives given in the schedule are allowed entry to the country. (15 pages).

ICS: 67.220.20

5. TZS 164: 1999 Textiles – cotton vitenge – Specification

Prescribes the constructional details and other particulars of varieties of cotton vitenge. (4 pages)

ICS: 59.080.30

6. TZS 165: 1999 Textiles – cotton khanga – Specification

Covers the constructional details and other particulars of varieties of cotton khanga printed in multi-colours. (4 pages)

ICS: 59.080.30

7. TZS 313: 1999 Skin creams – Specification

Prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for skin creams. (7 pages)

ICS: 71.100.20

8. TZS 318: Petroleum jelly

(Part 1): 1999 Petroleum jelly for cosmetic industry - Specification

Prescribes the requirements and method of sampling and test for petroleum jelly for cosmetic industry. (11 pages)

9. Part 2: 1999 Marketed petroleum jelly products ready for use as a body ointment

Prescribes the requirements for marketed petroleum jelly ready for use as a body ointment. (4 pages)

ICS: 71.100.70

10. TZS 353: 2000 Galvanized corrugated iron sheets – Specification

Specifies the materials, profiles and dimensions of hot dip zinc coated corrugated steel sheets. (5 pages)

ICS: 91.100.01

11. TZS 538: 1999 Packaging and labelling of foods

Lays down the requirements for packaging and labelling of foods. (10 pages)

ICS: 67.020; 55.020

12. TZS 576: 1999 microbiological specification for prawns, shrimps and lobsters. Prescribes microbiological specification for frozen raw prawns, shrimps and lobster tails, frozen cooked prawns, shrimps and lobster tails and frozen raw breaded prawns and shrimps. (5 pages)
ICS: 67.120.30, 07.100.30
13. TZS 588: 1999 Portland pozzolana cement – Specification
Covers the manufacture, physical and chemical requirements of Portland pozzolana cement. (8 pages)
ICS: 91.100.10
14. TZS 611: 1999 13A Socket – outlets – switched and unswitched – Specification
Specifies requirements for 13A – shuttered socket – outlets. (69 pages)
ICS: 29.120.30
15. TZS 612: 1999 13A Fused plugs rewirable and non rewirable – Specification
Specifies the requirements for 13A fused plugs for household, commercial and light industrial purposes with particular reference to safety in normal use. (70 pages)
ICS: 29.120.30
16. TZS 613: 1999 13A fused connection units switched and unswitched – Specification
Specifies requirements for 13A fused fixed connection units for household, commercial and light industrial purposes, with particular reference to safety in normal use. (28 pages)
ICS: 29.120.30
17. TZS 614: 1999 Junction boxes for use in electrical installations with rated voltages not exceeding 250V – Specification
Specifies requirements of junction boxes of surface or flush mounting type for use in fixed wiring installation a.c. circuits where the rated voltages do not exceed 250V. (18 pages)
ICS: 29.120.30
18. TZS 615: 1999 Macaroni, spaghetti and vermicelli - Specification
Prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for macaroni, spaghetti and vermicelli. (11 pages)
ICS: 67.060
19. TZS 616: 1999 Durum wheat semolina – Specification
Prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test of semolina for human consumption. (4 pages)
ICS: 67.060
20. TZS 617: 1999 Pneumatic types for trucks and buses – Specification
Specifies tyre dimensions, designation, marking requirements and load ratings. It also gives laboratory test requirements for strength endurance for tyres primarily intended for trucks and buses. (24 pages)
ICS: 83.160.10
21. TZS 618: 1999 Pneumatic tyres for passenger cars – Specification
Specifies tyre dimensions, designation, marking requirements and load ratings index. (29 pages)
ICS: 83.160.10
22. TZS 573: Natural mineral water – Specification
Applies to all bottled natural water, spring water and bore hole water, offered for sale as food. (12 pages)
ICS: 13.060.20

23. TZS 574 (Part 1): 1999 Drinking water – Specification

Part 1: Requirements for drinking water and bottled water

Prescribes the quality requirements for drinking water. It also covers bottled drinking water.
(10 pages)

ICS: 13.060.20

24. TZS 598: 1999 Automotive engineering – bus body building – code of practice.

It gives guidelines for bus body building. It specifies seat arrangements required, seat dimensions and external dimensions of buses. (10 pages)

ICS: 43.040.60
