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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>RWANDA</u> 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 Website: 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): Semi-manufactures of timber (ICS code(s): 79.080)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: DRS 573: 2024, Wooden and bamboo toothpicks — Specification; (71 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the terms and definitions, classification, requirements, packaging, labelling, transportation and storage of wooden and bamboo toothpicks. This standard applies to wooden and bamboo sticks processed from wood and bamboo for tooth picking.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8. Relevant documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. RS 427, Round and sawn timber — Nomenclature of timbers used in Rwanda2. RS 413, Furniture — Quality and grading of wooden furniture3. RS ISO 13061-1, Physical and mechanical properties of wood — Test methods for small clear wood specimens — Part 1: Determination of moisture content for physical and mechanical tests

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. RS ISO 2859-1:1, Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection 5. 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 6. RS ISO 16649-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of β-glucuronidase-positive Escherichia coli — Part 2: Colony-count technique at 44 °C using 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl β-D-glucuronide 7. RS ISO 6888-1, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (Staphylococcus aureus and other species) — Part 1: Technique using Baird-Parker agar medium 8. RS ISO 21527-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds — Part 2: Colony count technique in products with water activity less than or equal to 0,95
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>Rwanda Standards Board (RSB) KK 15 Rd, 49 Toll Free: 3250 Tel: +250 788303492 Email: info@rsb.gov.rw Website: www.rsb.gov.rw P.O.BOX 7099, Kigali, Rwanda</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/RWA/24_01664_00_e.pdf</p>