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All Relevant Stakeholders' for Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses Technical Committee (AFDC06),
All Relevant Stakeholders' for Spices, Condiments and Culinary herbs Technical Committee (AFDC07),
All Members of Agriculture and Food Divisional Committee (AFDC).

RE: DRAFT TANZANIA STANDARD FOR STAKEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Kindly refer to the heading above.

2. Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) is in the process of developing national standards under Food Additives Technical Committee as indicated below;
- i. AFDC 6 (3976) DTZS/ISO 20631:2024 Infant formula and adult nutritionals - Determination of total folate content by trienzyme extraction and ultra-high performance liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (UHPLC-MS/MS)
 - ii. AFDC 6 (3978) DTZS/ISO 20636:2018 Infant formula and adult nutritionals - Determination of vitamin D by liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry
 - iii. AFDC 6 (3982) DTZS/ISO 20639:2015 Infant formula and adult nutritionals — Determination of pantothenic acid by ultra-high performance liquid chromatography and tandem mass spectrometry method (UHPLC-MS/MS)
 - iv. AFDC 6 (3977) DTZS/ISO 21424:2018 Milk, milk products, infant formula and adult nutritionals - Determination of minerals and trace elements - Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) method

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- v. AFDC 6 (3981) DTZS/ISO 21446:2019 Infant formula and adult nutritionals - Determination of trans and total (cis + trans) vitamin K1 content - Normal phase HPLC
 - vi. AFDC 6 (3979) DTZS/ISO 21470:2020 Infant formula and adult nutritionals - Simultaneous determination of total vitamins B1, B2, B3 and B6 - Enzymatic digestion and LC-MS/MS
 - vii. AFDC 6 (3980) DTZS/ISO 23305:2020 Fortified milk powders, infant formula and adult nutritionals - Determination of total biotin by liquid
 - viii. AFDC 7 (4025) DTZS Essential oil of cardamom – Specification
 - ix. AFDC 7 (4023) DTZS/ISO 3493:2014 Vanilla – Vocabulary
 - x. AFDC 7 (4024) DTZS/ISO 3632-1:2025 Spices — Saffron (*Crocus sativus L.*) – Specification
 - xi. AFDC 7 (4067) DTZS/ISO 18731:2025 Spices and condiments - Seasoning oil of *Zanthoxyli pericarpium* – Specification
 - xii. AFDC 7 (4438) DTZS/ISO 280:1998 Essential oils - Determination of refractive index
 - xiii. AFDC 7 (4436) DTZS/ISO 1242:2023 Essential oils - Determination of acid value by two titration methods, manual and automatic
 - xiv. AFDC 7 (4441) DTZS/ISO 592:1998 Essential oils - Determination of optical rotation
 - xv. AFDC 7 (4444) DTZS/ISO 875:1999 Essential oils - Evaluation of miscibility in ethanol
 - xvi. AFDC 7 (4439) DTZS/ISO 709:2001 Essential oils - Determination of ester value
3. According to the procedures for the preparation of Tanzania Standard(s), the draft standards are hereby circulated for stakeholders' comments for the period of 60days. Due to copy right issues, for international only scope is provided, for full standard visit TBS library.
4. Being one of the key stakeholders in standards development, we kindly request you to go through the draft standards (a complete document for adopted ISO/IEC standards can be obtained from the TBS Library) and send your comments regarding their technical contents. Suggestion which entails revision of text should indicate the preferred wording and the relevant clause should be quoted against each comment. In case you find it suitable and no comments, please notify accordingly.
5. Your comments can be submitted in electronic form or in hard copy as per attached form.
6. We will appreciate receiving your comments before **2026-05-03**.
7. We thank you in advance for your kind and continued cooperation.

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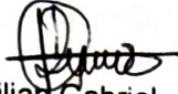
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