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All relevant Ministries/Institutions/Companies,
All members of the Sensory Evaluation Technical Committee,
All members of the Agriculture and Food Divisional Committee.

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: **DRAFT TANZANIA STANDARDS FOR STAKEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

The above-mentioned subject refers.

2. The Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) is currently in the process of developing the following standards:
- AFDC 25 (3350) DTZS/ ISO13302: 2003, Sensory analysis – Methods of assessing modifications to the flavour of foodstuffs due to packaging.
 - AFDC 25 (3351) DTZS/(ISO5497:1982) Rev.TZS486 Sensory Analysis-Methodology- Guidelines for the preparation of samples for which direct sensory analysis is not feasible.
 - AFDC 25 (3352) DTZS/(ISO8589:2007) Rev.TZS 487 Sensory analysis – General guidance for the design of test rooms.
 - AFDC 25(3353) DTZS/(ISO3972:2011) Rev.TZS 593 Sensory analysis – Methodology- method of Investigating sensitive of taste.
 - AFDC 25(3354) DTZS/(ISO4120:2021) Rev.TZS594 Sensory analysis – Methodology- Triangular test.

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- vi) AFDC 25(3355) DTZS/(ISO3591:1977) Rev.TZS 595 Sensory analysis – Apparatus- wine tasting glass.
- vii) AFDC 25(3356) DTZS/(ISO6658:2017) Rev.TZS484 Sensory analysis – Methodology – general guidance.
- viii) AFDC 25(3357) DTZS/(ISO4121:2003) Rev.TZS 485 Sensory analysis – Methodology- Evaluation of food products by methods using scales.
- ix) AFDC 25(3358) DTZS/(ISO16657:2023) Sensory analysis – Apparatus- olive oil tasting glass.
- x) AFDC 25(3359) DTZS/(ISO16779:2015) Sensory analysis – Assessment (determination and verification) of the shelf life of foodstuffs.

3. As per the procedures for the preparation of Tanzania Standards, these drafts are being circulated for stakeholders' comments. Due to copyright restrictions, only the scope of the international standards is provided. The full documents can be accessed at the TBS Library.

4. As a key stakeholder in the development of standards, you are kindly requested to review the draft standards and provide your comments, particularly regarding their technical content. Suggestions involving text revisions should indicate the preferred wording along with references to the relevant clause(s). If you have no comments and find the drafts acceptable, kindly confirm accordingly.

5. Comments may be submitted electronically or in hard copy using the attached form.

6. We would appreciate receiving your feedback by **23 May, 2026**.

7. We thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



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For: **DIRECTOR GENERAL**



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