NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Kenya  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Kenya Bureau of Standards |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Arrowroots |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X] All trading partners**  **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** KS 2842:2018 Fresh Arrowroots (Taro) *-* Specification. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 13  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/KEN/18_6295_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Kenya standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for edible varieties of arrowroots (also referred to as cocoyam or taro), *Colocasia esculenta* (L.) Schott of the Araceae family intended for human consumption. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [ ]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**  Not applicable |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** March 2019  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** March 2019 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Upon declaration as mandatory by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Co-operatives.  **[****X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 29 December 2018  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS)  P.O. Box: 54974-00200, Nairobi, Kenya  Tel: +(254) 020 605490  +(254) 020 605506  +(254) 020 6948258  Fax: +(254) 020 609660  +(254) 020 609665  E-mail: info@kebs.org;  Website: <http://www.kebs.org> |
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