NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Malawi  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Malawi Bureau of Standards  **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 [****X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Pepper of the genus Piper; dried or crushed or ground fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta. (HS 0904). Spices and condiments (ICS 67.220.10). |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DMS 1289-2:2016, Pepper (Piper nigrum L.), whole or ground – Specification, Part 2: White pepper (8 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This part of MS 1289 specifies requirements for white pepper (*Piper nigrum* L.) (MS 1068), whole or ground, at the following commercial stages:  (a) Semi-processed (SP); and  (b) Processed (P).  When the term "white pepper" is used alone, it means that the specification applies to both types described, without distinction.  This part of MS 1289 is not applicable to white pepper categories called "light". |
| **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; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   1. MS 19, Labelling of pre-packed foods – General standard; 2. MS 21, Food and food processing units – Code of hygienic conditions; 3. MS 139, Spices and condiments – Determination of extraneous matter and foreign matter content; 4. MS 141, Spices and condiments – Determination of total ash; 5. MS 142, Spices and condiments – Determination of filth; 6. MS 918, Spices and condiments – Determination of moisture content – Entrainment method; 7. MS 919, Spices and condiments – Determination of acid-insoluble ash; 8. MS 920, Spices, condiments and herbs – Determination of volatile oil content; 9. MS 922, Spices and condiments – Determination of non-volatile ether extract; 10. MS 1068, Spices and condiments – Botanical nomenclature; 11. ISO 948, Spices and condiments – Sampling; 12. ISO 5564, Black pepper and white pepper, whole or ground – Determination of piperine content –Spectrophotometric method; and 13. ISO 5498, Agricultural food products – Determination of crude fibre content – General method. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:**To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/MWI/17_4367_00_e.pdf> |