NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** South Africa **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Trade and Industry**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:** National Regulator for Compulsory SpecificationsPrivate Bag X25Brooklyn0075maphuti.kutu@nrcs.org.za012 482 8930 |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X], 2.10.1 [****], 5.6.2 [****], 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):** Molluscs, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans, fit for human consumption. (HS 0307). Fish and fishery products (ICS 67.120.30), Food microbiology (ICS 07.100.30). |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Compulsory specification for aquacultured live and chilled raw bivalves molluscs. (11 page(s), in English)   |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This compulsory specification requires that aquacultured live and chilled raw bivalves molluscs, for human consumption, which are to be offered for sale, comply with this compulsory specification and the requirements of the South African National Standard (SANS) 2879 that applies to the harvesting, handling, preparation, processing, packing, transportation, storage, chilling, quality of the products covered by this specification, the hygiene requirements for the product, as well as chemical contaminants, microbiological contaminants, and marine biotoxins requirements of the product and the packing facility employees requirements, shall comply with the requirements of the latest edition of SANS 2879.  |
| **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 |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 1. SANS (South African National Standard) 2879 live and chilled raw bivalves
2. Codex STAN on live and raw chilled bivalves (no. 297-2015)
3. Codex Code of Practice for fish and fishery products
4. SOUTH AFRICAN LIVE MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH MONITORING AND CONTROL PROGRAMME (available in English)
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| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**  After all comments are taken into consideration**Proposed date of entry into force:**  6 months after date of final publication  |
| **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:** National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS)Private Bag X25Brooklyn0075maphuti.kutu@nrcs.org.za012 4828930<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/ZAF/17_4611_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/ZAF/17_4611_01_e.pdf> |