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:** Director GeneralMalawi Bureau of StandardsP.O Box 946BlantyreMalawiTelephone:+265 887376/444Fax: +265 1 870 756Email: info@mbsmw.org |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Polishes, creams and similar preparations, for footwear or leather, whether or not in the form of paper, wadding, felt, nonwovens, cellular plastics or cellular rubber, impregnated, coated or covered with such preparations (excl. artificial and prepared waxes of heading 3404) (HS code(s): 340510); Paints and varnishes (ICS code(s): 87.040) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DMS 84:2024, Solvent-based wax polish for floors and furniture – Specification; (6 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Draft Malawi Standard covers two forms, i.e. liquid and paste, of solvent-based wax polish suitable for use on furniture and floors, other than those of thermoplastic (asphalt), flexible vinyl, linoleum, and rubber. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 1. MS 283, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of total lead – Flame atomic absorption spectrometric method*
2. MS 367, *Wax polishes – Determination of heat-cool stability*
3. MS 722, *Labelling, presentation and advertising of prepacked goods for ultimate consumer*
4. MS 1496, *Water content of solvent-based wax polishes*
5. MS 1497, *Softening point of the non-volatile matter of wax polishes*
6. MS 1498, *Penetration of wax (paste) polishes*
7. MS 1499, *Performance of wax polishes*
8. MS 1500, *Wax polishes – Non-volatile matter content and the ash content of non-volatile matter*
9. MS 2191-1, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and/or semi volatile organic compounds (SVOC) content – Part 1: Gravimetric method for VOC determination*
10. MS 2191-2, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and/or semi volatile organic compounds (SVOC) content – Part 2: Gas-chromatographic method*
11. ASTM D93, *Standard test methods for flash point by Pensky-Martens closed cup tester*
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| **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:** Director GeneralMalawi Bureau of StandardsP.O Box 946BlantyreMalawiTelephone:+265 887376444Fax: +265 1 870 756Email: info@mbsmw.org |