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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>RWANDA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Rwanda Bureau of Standards <b>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:</b>  P.O. Box: 7099 Kigali -Rwanda Tel.: +(250) 252 586103/58 2946 Fax: +(250) 252 583305 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@rbs.org.rw">info@rbs.org.rw</a> Website: <a href="http://www.rwanda-standards.org">http://www.rwanda-standards.org</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ X ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Animal produce in general (ICS 67.120.01).  Meat and meat products including fish: Code of hygienic practice for processed meat products, Sausage; Part 1: Fresh, Cooked and Smoked Pork and Sausages, pork and Beef Sausage meat-Specification,  Canned Corned Beef, Code of Practice for Handling, processing and Distribution of fish, dressed poultry (Chicken), Fresh Fin Fish; Part 1: Fresh whole fish, Fresh Fin Fish; Part 2: Fresh fish fillet, Canned Fish in Tomato Sauce; Part 1.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> MINISTERIAL INSTRUCTION NO 21/2013 OF 03/07/2013 DECLARING COMPULSORY RWANDAN STANDARDS (37 pages, in English; 37 pages, in French).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Compulsory Rwandan Standards (RS) concerning meat and meat products including fish

7.	<p><b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Having the determination of ensuring health and safety of Consumers; fair practices in trade of goods and services; protection of public hygiene; plant and animal health, safety and the environment</p> <p>In order to ensure safety and health of consumers, facilitate trade, protect the environment and safeguard the image of the country</p> <p>For the purpose of aligning the numbering system of Rwandan Standards with the East African Community and International standards numbering Systems</p> <p>Protection of Human health or Safety</p> <p>Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection</p>
8.	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b> ANNEX TO THE MINISTERIAL INSTRUCTION NO 21/2013 OF 03/07/2013 DECLARING COMPULSORY RWANDAN STANDARDS (LIST OF COMPULSORY STANDARDS, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, 8-5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Code of hygienic practice for processed meat products, RS 81;</li> <li>- Sausage - Part 1: Fresh, Cooked and Smoked Pork and Sausages, pork and Beef Sausage meat-Specification, RS 44-1;</li> <li>- Canned Corned Beef - Specification, RS 45;</li> <li>- Code of Practice for Handling, processing and Distribution of fish, RS 46;</li> <li>- Dressed poultry (Chicken) - Specification, RS 47;</li> <li>- Fresh Fin Fish - Part 1: Fresh whole fish - Specification, RS 48-1;</li> <li>- Fresh Fin Fish - Part 2: Fresh fish fillet - Specification, RS 48-2</li> <li>- Canned Fish in Tomato Sauce - Part 1: Specification, RS 55-1.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> -</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 5 August 2013</p>
10.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> -</p>
11.	<p><b>Text available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</b></p> <p>Rwanda Bureau of Standards  WTO/TBT Enquiry Point  P.O.BOX : 7099  Kigali-Rwanda  Tel.: +250 58 6103  Fax: +250 58 2946  E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@rbs.org.rw">info@rbs.org.rw</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.rwanda-standards.org">http://www.rwanda-standards.org</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/TBT/RWA/14_0437_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/TBT/RWA/14_0437_00_x.pdf</a></p>