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:**  The Director General Malawi Bureau of Standards P.O Box 946 Blantyre  Malawi Tel: +265 1 870 488 Fax: +265 1 870 756 Email: [mbs@mbsmw.org](mailto:mbs@mbsmw.org) Website: [www.mbsmw.org](http://www.mbsmw.org) |
| **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):** Road signs Part 2: Performance requirements for road signs; Sign-plates, name-plates, address-plates and similar plates, numbers, letters and other symbols, of base metal, incl. traffic signs (excl. those of heading 9405, type and the like, and signal boards, signal discs and signal arms for traffic of heading 8608) (HS 8310); Graphical symbols for use on mechanical engineering and construction drawings, diagrams, plans, maps and in relevant technical product documentation (ICS 01.080.30) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DMS 664‑2:2000, Road signs Part 2: Performance requirements for road signs (13 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This part of DMS 664 covers the performance requirements of retro-reflective and non-retroreflective road signs for use as regulatory, warning, information and guidance signs on public roads. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Quality and labelling requirements; Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   1. MS 599-1:2002 *Fibreboard products – Part 1: Uncoated fibreboard;* 2. DMS 664-1:2000 *Road signs – Part 1: Retro-reflective sheeting material;* 3. ASTM D610, *Test method for evaluating degree of rusting on painted steel surfaces.;* 4. ASTM D661, *Test method for evaluating degree of cracking of exterior paints;* 5. ASTM D714, *Test method for evaluating degree of blistering of paints;* 6. ASTM D772, *Test method for evaluating degree of flaking (scaling) of exterior paints;* 7. ASTM D4214, *Test methods for evaluating degree of chalking of exterior paint films;* 8. CIE Publication 15, *Colorimetry.1;* 9. CIE Publication 54, *Retro-reflection – Definition and measurement.*1); 10. ISO 11341, *Paints and vanishes – Artificial weathering and exposure to artificial radiation – Exposure to filtered xenon-arc radiation;* 11. SANS 1300 (SABS 1300), *Particle board: highly moisture-resistant exterior and flooring type* 12. SANS 2409/ISO 2409 (SABS ISO 2409), *Paints and varnishes – Cross-cut test;* 13. SANS 2813/ISO2813 (SABS ISO 2813), *Paints and varnishes – Determination of specular gloss of non-metallic paint films at 20°, 60° and 85°;* and 14. SANS 7253/ISO 7253 (SABS ISO 7253), *Paints and varnishes – Determination of resistance to neutral salt spray (fog).* |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 6 months from adoption |
| **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 General  Malawi Bureau of Standards P.O. Box 946 Blantyre Malawi +(265) 1 870 488 +(265) 1 870 756 (Fax) [mbs@mbsmw.org](mailto:mbs@mbsmw.org) |