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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. Notifying Member: <u>RWANDA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Rwanda Standards Board (RSB) 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: Rwanda Standards Board KK 15 Rd, 49 P.O. BOX 7099, Kigali, Rwanda Tel: +250 252 586 103/582945 Email: info@rsb.gov.rw Website: www.rsb.gov.rw
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): Cleaning appliances (ICS 97.080).
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: DRS 360: 2017; Herbal soaps – Specification (13 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: This Draft Rwanda Standard prescribes requirements and test methods for herbal soaps. Considering that herbal product properties vary in accordance with the intended application, the standard covers different types as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">herbal toilet soap;herbal laundry soap; andherbal liquid soap. This document does not apply to products intended to be used for medicinal purpose.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Quality requirements
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DFRS 333, Herbal cosmetic products – General requirements• RS EAS 377, Cosmetics and cosmetic products (all parts)• RS EAS 346, Labelling of cosmetics – General requirements

- RS 278, Cosmetics – Methods of sampling
- RS ISO 457, Analysis of soap – Determination of Chloride content – Titrimetric method
- RS ISO 456, Surface active agents – Analysis of soaps – Determination of free caustic alkali
- RS ISO 684, Analysis of soap – Determination of Total free alkali
- RS ISO 685, Analysis of soap – Determination of alkali content and total fatty matter content
- RS ISO 673, Analysis of soap – Determination of ethanol insoluble matter
- RS ISO 862, Surface active agents – Vocabulary
- RS ISO 1067, Analysis of soap – Determination of unsaponifiable, unsaponified and unsaponified saponifiable matter

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:

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