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PRESS RELEASE ON APPROVED KENYA STANDARDS

The National Standards Council on 28th October 2019 approved a total of 52 Kenya Standards for publication, which include 31 Standards in support of the Big Four Agenda under Agro processing, Food and Nutrition Security and Textiles sectors. Among the approved Standards expected to support the big four agenda within the agro-processing sector are:

- 1. KS EAS 946:2019 Kenya Standard Dried mango Specification, First Edition
- 2. KS EAS 948:2019 Kenya Standard Fruit juices and nectars Specification, First Edition
- 3. KS EAS 77:2019 Kenya Standard Fruits drinks Specification, Second Edition
- 4. KS EAS 799:2019 Kenya Standard Edible full fat soya flour Specification, Second Edition
- 5. KS EAS 782:2019 Kenya Standard Composite flour Specification, Second Edition

KS EAS 946, KS EAS 948 and KS EAS 77 are adopted harmonized East Africa Standards developed with the aim of guiding in value addition of fruits, reduce post-harvest wastage and ensure production of safe and quality products. The three standards provide:

- (i) Available options for processing fruits such as Mangoes, which are highly perishable, in forms that can be preserved and used over a long period of time including off seasons.
- (ii) An opportunity for MSMEs to establish processing units to produce and access regional and global markets.
- (iii) A positive ripple effect to the farmers as they will be assured of ready market and creation of employment among youths as envisaged in the big four agenda.

KS EAS 799 and KS EAS 782 are adopted harmonized East Africa Standards developed to promote production and consumption of the 'orphaned crops' such as millet and sorghum through the flour blending initiative. The standards seek to ensure that:

- (i) Appropriate processing techniques are applied so as to reduce the antinutrients properties usually associated with the crops.
- (ii) The population derives maximum nutritional benefits usually associated with orphaned crops such as millet and sorghum.
- (iii) There is reduced pressure on traditional grains such as maize and wheat, thus improving the overall country's food security status consistent with the Big four agenda on food and nutrition security.

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