



**GAMBIAN STANDARD FOR BOTTLED / PACKAGED DRINKING  
WATERS**

**ICS No. 13.060.20**

© COPYRIGHT March 2013

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without prior written permission from The Gambia Standards Bureau.

**CONTENTS**

	<b>Page</b>
Foreword	ii
Scope	1
Normative Reference	1
Description	1
Essential Composition and Quality Factors	2
Hygiene	3
Labelling Requirements	3
Methods of Analysis and Sampling	5

## **DATE OF PUBLICATION**

This Gambian Standard was Gazetted under the authority of the Bureau in March 2013.

## **THE GAMBIA STANDARDS BUREAU**

The Gambia Standards Bureau is a statutory Government specialized Agency established by The Gambia Standards Bureau Act 2010 to standardize products, methods, systems and for connected matters. Hence, the Bureau is the sole National Standardization Body. As such, it has been a member of International Standardization Bodies such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) since 2011, International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) from 2012.

The objectives of the Bureau, as specified in its Act, are to: establish and promulgate standards for imported and locally-produced goods; facilitate domestic and international trade; foster and promote standards both for industrial efficiency and advancing economic development; promote the health and safety of consumers; enhance international cooperation in relation to standards and standardization. Thus, the National Quality Policy details the responsibilities of the Bureau in Standardization, Metrology and Conformity Assessment services in Testing, Inspection and Certification.

Therefore, the functions, of the Bureau are to define, prepare, publish, modify or amend Standards Specifications as well information-dissemination of standards. In addition to providing Testing, Inspection and Certification services for goods, systems and processes independently or in relation to conformity with its Standards Mark, the Bureau also conducts training and research. In Metrology, the Bureau serves as the custodian of primary national reference measurement standards through its National Metrology Laboratories and conducts calibration of measurement devices and physical standards.

The development of Gambian Standards (GAMS) is carried out by the Bureau through Technical Committees composed of a balanced representation of stakeholders, as may be appropriate to the subject in question. The Bureau ensures that Standards are developed in accordance with the *ISO\_IEC\_Guide\_21-1\_2005: Regional or National adoption of International Standards and other International deliverables* and the *World Trade Organization Code of good practice for the preparation, adoption and application of standards*. To the greatest extent possible, Gambian Standards are aligned to or are adoptions of relevant international standards.

For further information on and copies of Gambian Standards, please contact The Gambia Standards Bureau.

## **COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

The Technical Committee on National Food Standards which supervised the development of this Gambian Standard consists of representatives from the following organizations:

**National Codex, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Committee (NCSPSC)**

**Food Safety and Quality Authority of The Gambia (FSQA)**

**National Nutrition Agency (NaNA)**

**Food Technology Unit of Department of Agriculture (FTU-DOA)**

**Animal Health and Production Services (AHPS)**

**Plant Protection Services (PPS)**

**National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI)**

**National Association of Food Processors (NAFP)**

**National Poultry Farmers Association of The Gambia (NPFA)**

**National Women Farmers Association (NAWFA)**

**Consumer Protection Association of The Gambia (CPAG)**

**Jawneh and Family Cashew Farm (JFCF)**

**Agribusiness Services and Production Association (ASPA)**

**Gambia Livestock Marketing Agency (GLMA)**

**Fisheries Department**

**Association of Fishing Companies**

The Working Group on Animal Base Food Products which developed this Gambian Standard consists of representatives from the following Organizations:

**Gambia Livestock Marketing Agency (GLMA)**

**National Poultry Farmers Association of The Gambia (NPFA)**

**Food Safety and Quality Authority of The Gambia (FSQA)**

**Animal Health and Production Services (AHPS)**

**National Codex, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Committee (NCSPSC)**

## FOREWORD

The Gambia Standards Bureau (TGSB), in conformity with international best practice, coopted the National CODEX, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Committee (NCSPSC) as its Technical Committee (TC) on Food Standards. The Secretariat for this TC is the Bureau. This TC adopted the CODEX Standard for Food Grade Salt. The Procedure for adoption was the *ISO/IEC Guide 21-1 - Regional or national adoption of International Standards and other International Deliverables - Part 1: Adoption of International Standards*. The method of adoption was Direct Adoption.

This Gambian Standard applies to salt used as an ingredient of food, both for direct sale to the consumer and for food manufacture.

The Standard addresses the following:

- Scope and description;
- Composition and quality factors;
- Additives;
- Contaminants;
- Hygienic requirements;
- Packaging;
- Labeling requirements.

This Standard can be obtained from The Gambia Standards Bureau.

## SCOPE

This Standard applies to waters for drinking purposes other than Natural Mineral Waters, as defined in the Revised Codex Standard CODEX STAN 108-1981, that are prepackaged/bottled<sup>1</sup> and are suitable for human consumption.

## NORMATIVE REFERENCES

The following normative references are indispensable for the application of this standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative reference document (including any amendments) applies.

*GAMS Codex Stan 1/1985 - General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods*

*Code of Hygienic Practice for Bottled/Packaged Drinking Waters (Other Than Natural Mineral Waters)*

## DEFINITIONS

- 1** “**Packaged waters**”, other than natural mineral waters, are waters for human consumption and may contain minerals, naturally occurring or intentionally added; may contain carbon dioxide, naturally occurring or intentionally added; but shall not contain sugars, sweeteners, flavourings or other foodstuffs.

**2.1.1** “*Waters defined by origin*”, whether they come from the underground or from the surface, defined under the present standard share the following characteristics:

- a) they originate from specific environmental resources without passing through a community water system;
- b) precautions have been taken within the vulnerability perimeters to avoid any pollution of, or external influence on, the chemical, microbiological and physical qualities of water at origin;
- c) collecting conditions which guarantee the original microbiological purity and essential elements of their chemical make-up at origin;
- d) from the microbiological standpoint, are constantly fit for human consumption at their source and are kept in that state with particular hygienic precautions until and while packaging in accordance with provisions of sections 3 and 4;
- e) are not subject to any modification or treatment other than those permitted under Section 3.1.1.

**2.1.2** “*Prepared waters*” are waters that do not comply with all the provisions set for waters defined by origin under subsection 2.1.1. They may originate from any type of water supply.



Only the informative sections of standards are publicly available. To have access to the full standard, you will need to purchase the standard from The Gambia Standards Bureau. You can contact the Bureau on TEL: 4464210, Email: [info@tgsb.gm](mailto:info@tgsb.gm)