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## **DRAFT EAST AFRICAN STANDARD**

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**Fine-cut smoking tobacco (Roll your own) — Specification**

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## **Introduction**

Unprocessed tobacco also known as Fine-cut smoking tobacco is a common name to describe loose-leaf tobacco used as self-made products. Characterised by narrowly cut leaves, the majority of fine-cut tobacco (FCT) has a width of less than 1.5 mm. FCT is mainly used in hand rolled(roll-your-own) cigarettes and make –your-own cigarettes, this depends on whether it is rolled by hand using paper and tobacco, or whether it is made using a cigarette-tube filling machine.

The objective of this standard is to ensure safety and quality of unprocessed tobacco (roll your own) produced or traded in the region.

## Foreword

Development of the East African Standards has been necessitated by the need for harmonizing requirements governing quality of products and services in the East African Community. It is envisaged that through harmonized standardization, trade barriers that are encountered when goods and services are exchanged within the Community will be removed.

In order to achieve this objective, the Community established an East African Standards Committee mandated to develop and issue East African Standards.

The Committee is composed of representatives of the National Standards Bodies in Partner States, together with the representatives from the private sectors and consumer organizations. Draft East African Standards are circulated to stakeholders through the National Standards Bodies in the Partner States. The comments received are discussed and incorporated before finalization of standards, in accordance with the procedures of the Community.

East African Standards are subject to review, to keep pace with technological advances. Users of the East African Standards are therefore expected to ensure that they always have the latest versions of the standards they are implementing.

The committee responsible for this document is Technical Committee EASC/TC 013, *Tobacco and tobacco products*.

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## 1 Scope

This draft East African Standard prescribes the requirements, methods of test and sampling for Fine-cut smoking tobacco including Roll-Your-Own (RYO) and Make-Your-Own (MYO). This standard does not include unprocessed tobacco

## 2 Normative references

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

*EAS 110 Cigarettes – specification*

*ISO 15152 Tobacco and tobacco products-Determination of the content of total alkaloids as nicotine — Continuous-flow analysis method*

*ISO 15592-1 Fine-cut tobacco and smoking articles made from it — Methods of sampling, conditioning and analysis — Part 1: Sampling*

*ISO 20193 Tobacco and tobacco products — Determination of the width of the strands of cut tobacco*

*ISO 28177 Tobacco and tobacco products Determination of silicate residues insoluble in hydrochloric acid*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following terms and definitions shall apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses: — ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1 unprocessed tobacco

raw whole plant, leaves at natural states, cured or fermented leaves

### 3.2 fine-cut tobacco FCT

Tobacco which has been trimmed or cut, into pieces/strips used by consumers for making their own smoking articles by means of rolling or tubing.

### 3.3 wrapper

material specially prepared and supplied in a form suitable for enclosing FCT so as to produce a fine-cut smoking article

### 3.4 fine-cut smoking article

article, suitable for smoking, produced by combining FCT with a wrapper

### 3.5. tobacco additive

means any substance, other than tobacco leaf and other tobacco plant parts, that is intentionally added to a tobacco product during manufacture in accordance with products specifications and is still present and having a function in the finished product. This includes flavors, preservatives and humectants

**3.6. retail unit packet**

the smallest individual packaging of the tobacco products that is placed on the market for sale.

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

**4.1 General requirements**

**4.1.1** The raw tobacco used shall be free from insect, infestation, mould and should not be contaminated with foreign substance such as straw, feathers, wooden or metallic materials during the manufacturing process.

**4.1.2** Humectants used in the preparation of fine cut tobacco products shall be food grade.

**4.2 Specific requirements**

**4.2.1** Fine-cut smoking tobacco (roll your own) shall conform to the requirement specified in the Table 1 when tested in accordance with the methods specified therein;

**Table 1: Specific requirement for Fine-cut smoking tobacco (roll your own).**

S/N	CHARACTERISTICS	REQUIREMENT	METHOD OF TEST
I	Moisture content, percent by mass	11 - 24	Annex form EAS 110
II	Nicotine content, percent by mass, (on dry basis) max	2.5	ISO 15152
III	Tobacco cut width (mm)	0.2-1.5	ISO 20193
IV	Acid insoluble ash,(silica) percent by mass, (on dry basis) max	5	ISO 2817

**4.2.2 Harmful substances and additives**

The materials shall not contain any substances injurious to health as covered in respective tobacco control regulation and Act. Any added substance shall be of a nature and purity, which are suitable for use as food additive, medicinal, or pharmaceutical products in proportions of proved harmlessness.

**5. Sampling.**

The method of representing samples of the material and the criteria for conformity shall be done as prescribed in *ISO 15592-1*

**6. Packaging, marking and labelling.**

**6.1 Packaging.**

**6.1.1.** The retail unit packet shall be packed using a suitable tight sealed packaging material to avoid contamination and help maintain moisture of the tobacco. Fine-cut smoking tobacco (roll your own) shall be packed in pouches, tins, bags, buckets or other types of appropriate sealed package.

**6.1.2.** The weight of the retail unit packet shall be from 10 grams minimum up to 1kg maximum. Deviations of net weight from the nominal weight indicated on the pack unit shall be not more than: -

- a) 10% for retail unit packets from 10g to 100g
- b) 5% for retail unit packets from 101g to 300g and
- c) 3% for retail unit packets above 301g

**6.2 Marking and labelling**

Each retail unit packet shall be marked with the following

- a) Name of the product Fine-cut smoking tobacco (Roll-Your-Own (RYO) or Make-Your-Own (MYO)).
- b) Name and address of the manufacturer
- c) Brand name or trade name if any
- d) Net weight (in grams)
- e) Batch number or code
- f) Manufacturing and expiry date
- g) Maximum blend nicotine content
- h) A Health Warning imprint on the package as prescribed in the respective partner state tobacco control (regulation) act.

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