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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (US 871:2011), which has been technically revised.



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## 1 Scope

This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test for Non- alcoholic malted cereal beverages.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

US ISO 1842, *Fruit and vegetable products — Determination of pH*

US ISO 6634 *Fruit, vegetables and derived products — Determination of arsenic content — Silver diethyldithiocarbamate spectrophotometric method.*

US ISO 6633, *Fruit and vegetables products — Determination of lead content — Flameless atomic absorption spectrometric method*

US ISO 6637, *Fruits, vegetables and derived products — Determination of mercury content — Flameless atomic absorption method*

US ISO 6561-2, *Fruits, vegetables and derived products — Determination of cadmium content — Part 2: Method using flame atomic absorption spectrometry*

US 28, *Code of practice for hygiene in the food and drink manufacturing industry*

US 1659, *Materials in contact with food — Requirements for packaging materials*

US EAS 38, *Labelling of pre-packaged foods — General requirements*

US EAS 805: *Use of nutrition and health claims — Requirements*

US EAS 804, *Claims on food — Requirement*

US EAS 12, *Potable water — Specification*

US EAS 104, *Alcoholic beverages — Methods of sampling and test*

US ISO 4833-1 *Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Part 1: Colony count at 30 °C by the pour plate technique*

US ISO 21527-1 *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds — Part 1, Colony count technique in products with water activity greater than 0.95*

US CAC/GL 50, *General guidelines on sampling*

US ISO 7251, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive Escherichia coli — Most probable number technique*

US ISO 750, *Fruit and vegetable products —Determination of titratable acidity*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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 cereal grains**  
grains of grasses such as barley, wheat, millet, sorghum, oats, or maize, the starchy grains of which are used as food

**3.2 malted cereal beverage**  
acidic non-alcoholic beverage produced from malted cereal and contains wholly or partially of gelatinized milled cereal acidified by the introduced acids and that may contain permitted additives, edible proteins(s), minerals or vitamins (or a combination of these) and maybe clear or opaque.

### 4 Requirements for raw materials

#### 4.1 General quality factors

The cereal grains or grain products used in the production of the malt beverage shall be clean and sound and in every way fit for use in the preparation of a product for human consumption.

The raw materials used in the production of the malt cereal beverage shall conform to the applicable national standards

#### 4.2 Essential ingredients

##### 4.2.1 Essential ingredients for malted cereal beverages

The following ingredients shall be used in the preparation of malted cereal beverages:

- a) cereal grains complying with relevant standards;
- b) potable water complying with US EAS 12 and
- c) permitted acidulants.

##### 4.2.2 Optional ingredients for other malted cereal beverages

Malted cereal beverages may contain the following optional ingredients:

- a) edible starch;
- b) sugar; and
- c) permitted sweeteners.

## 5 Requirements for the product

### 5.1 General quality factors

5.1.1 Malted cereal beverages shall be practically free from off-odours and off-flavours when judged using the normal sensory tests.

5.1.2 Malted cereal beverages shall be practically free from filth (impurities of animal origin, including dead insects) when judged using the normal senses.

5.1.3 Malted cereal beverages shall be practically free from objectionable matter.

5.1.4 The appearance and consistency of the malted cereal beverages shall be uniform and characteristic of the product.

### 5.2 Essential composition factors

Malted cereal beverages shall conform to the compositional requirements in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Compositional requirements for malted cereal beverages**

Characteristic	Requirement	Method of test
Total solids content, % (m/m), min	8	Annex A
Alcohol content, % (m/m), max	0.5	US EAS 104
Total acidity, g/l, max	5	US ISO 750

### 5.3 Nutrients

Nutrients including vitamins, minerals and specific amino acids may be added to malted cereal beverages in conformity with the requirements stipulated in national legislation

## 6 Food additives

Malted cereal beverages may contain food additives in accordance with US 45.

## 7 Contaminants

Malted cereal beverages shall comply with the relevant provisions of US 738

### 7.1 Heavy metals

Malted cereal beverages shall not contain heavy metals or inorganic contaminants in excess of the limits stipulated in Table 2.

**Table 2— Limits for inorganic contaminants or heavy metals in Malted cereal beverages**

Inorganic contaminants	Maximum limit mg/kg	Method of test
Arsenic (As),	0.05	US ISO 6634

Lead (Pb),	0.05	US ISO 6633
Mercury (Hg),	0.001	US ISO 6637
Cadmium (Cd),	0.003	US ISO 6561-2

## 7.2 Pesticide residues

Malted cereal beverages shall comply with those maximum residue limits established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission for this commodity.

## 7.3 Mycotoxins

Malted cereal beverages shall comply with those maximum mycotoxin limits established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission for this commodity.

## 8 Hygiene

Malted cereal beverages shall be produced and handled in hygienic manner in accordance with US 28. Malted cereal beverages shall conform to the limits for microbiological contaminants in Table 3.

**Table 3 – Microbiological limits for malted cereal beverages**

S/No	Microorganisms	Maximum limit	Method of Test
1	Total aerobic count, CFU/mL	100	US ISO 4833-1
2	<i>E. coli</i> , per m L	Absent	US ISO 16649-2
3	<i>Salmonella</i> per 25 mL	Absent	AOAC 967.26
4	Yeast and mould, CFU/mL	20	US ISO 21527-1

## 9 Packaging

9.1 Malted cereal beverages shall be packaged in food grade containers that will safeguard the hygienic, nutritional, technological, and organoleptic qualities of the product.

9.2 The packaging materials used shall conform to the requirements given in US 1659.

## 10 Labelling

10.1 In addition to the requirements in EAS 38, each package shall be legibly and indelibly labelled with the following:

- a) name of the product, "Malted cereal beverages".
- b) name and physical address of manufacturer;
- c) country of origin.

10.2 Nutritional labelling, nutrition and health claims may be made in accordance with US EAS 803, US EAS 804 and US EAS 805 respectively.

## 11 Sampling

Sampling shall be done in accordance with US EAS 104 and US CAC/GL 50

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**Annex A**  
(normative)

**Method for determination of total solids content**

- A.1** Weigh a suitable size evaporating dish and record the mass  $m_1$ .
- A.2** By means of a measuring cylinder, transfer approximately 25 mL of the test sample to the evaporating dish.
- A.3** Weigh the dish and the test specimen and record the mass  $m_2$ .
- A.4** Heat the dish on a boiling water bath until all the liquid has evaporated, then transfer the dish to an air oven, and dry for 30 min at  $103\text{ °C} \pm 1\text{ °C}$ .
- A.5** Cool in a desiccator.
- A.6** Reweigh the dish and the dried test specimen (residue) and record the mass  $m_3$ . Calculate the total solids content as follows:

$$\text{Total solids content, \% (m/m)} = \frac{m_3 - m_1}{m_2 - m_1} \times 100$$

where

$m_1$  is the mass, in grams, of the dish;

$m_2$  is the mass, in grams, of the dish and specimen; and

$m_3$  is the mass, in grams, of the dish and dried specimen

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