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## FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard was approved by the Sectoral Committee on Food Products and was authorized for adoption and publication as a Sri Lanka Standard by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 2022-07-07.

This Standard was first published in 1990. In this first revision, new types have been introduced and revised to be in line with the regulations. Microbiological requirements and potentially toxic elements have been included to safeguard the consumer.

This Standard is subject to the Food Act No. 26 of 1980 and the regulations framed thereunder.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this Standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the results of a test shall be rounded off in accordance with **SLS 102**. The number of significant figures to be retained in the rounded-off value shall be the same as that of the specified value in this Standard.

In the revision of this Standard, valuable assistance derived from the following publications is gratefully acknowledged.

KS 1772-2003            Kenya Standard- Jelly powder and jelly crystals

## 1 SCOPE

This Standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for jelly crystals.

## 2 REFERENCES

- SLS 102 Presentation of numerical values
- SLS 143 General principles of food hygiene
- SLS 191 White sugar
- SLS 428 Random sampling methods
- SLS 516 Methods of test for microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs
  - Part 2: Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds-  
Section 2 Colony count technique in products with water activity less than or equal to 0.95
  - Part 5: Horizontal method for the detection of *Salmonella* spp.
  - Part 6: Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase positive staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species)
  - Section 1: Technique using Baird Parker agar medium
  - Part 12: Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive *Escherichia coli* (Most probable number technique)
- SLS 586 Methods of test for sugar confectionery

- SLS 617 Glucose
- SLS 845 Gelatine (Food grade)
- SLS 883 Brown sugar

Official Methods of Analysis, Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC) 20<sup>th</sup> edition, 2016

### 3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard, the following definitions shall apply:

**3.1 jelly crystals:** A product prepared from gelatine, sugar and/or glucose, permitted food acids, permitted flavouring substances and with or without the addition of optional ingredients listed in Clause 5.2

**3.2 energy reduced jelly crystals:** A product to which it refers has an energy value reduced by at least thirty percent as compared with the original or a similar preparation

**3.3 sugar free jelly crystals:** Jelly crystals prepared by complete replacement of sugar by permitted sweeteners

**3.4 diet jelly jelly crystals:** Jelly crystals prepared by partial replacement of sugar by permitted sweeteners

### 4 TYPES

4.1 Jelly crystals

4.2 Diet jelly crystals

4.2.1 Energy reduced jelly crystals

4.2.2 Sugar free jelly crystals

### 5 INGREDIENTS

5.1 Basic ingredients

5.1.1 *Gelatine, conforming to SLS 845*

5.1.2 *Sugar, conforming to SLS 191 or SLS 883*

5.1.3 *Food acids*

<b>5.1.3.1</b>	Citric acid	INS 330	} Limited by GMP
<b>5.1.3.2</b>	Fumaric acid	INS 297	
<b>5.1.3.3</b>	Malic acid	INS 296	
<b>5.1.3.4</b>	Tartaric acid	INS 334	

#### **5.1.4** *Permitted flavouring agents*

### **5.2 Optional ingredients**

#### **5.2.1** *Permitted food colours*

#### **5.2.2** *Glucose, conforming to SLS 617*

#### **5.2.3** *Permitted sweeteners \**

#### **5.2.4** *Acidity regulators*

##### **5.2.4.1** *Sodium citrate*      INS 331(iii)      Limited by GMP

#### **NOTE**

*\*Only for Energy reduced jelly crystals/ sugar free jelly crystals/ diet jelly crystals*

## **6 REQUIREMENTS**

### **6.1 Hygiene**

Jelly crystals shall be processed, packaged, stored and distributed under hygienic conditions as given in **SLS 143**.

### **6.2 General requirements**

**6.2.1** Jelly crystals shall be in the form of coarse to fine dry powder and stable at ambient temperature. It shall be free from moist lumps.

**6.2.2** Jelly crystals shall have a pleasant odour and flavour characteristic of the descriptions appearing on the label.

**6.2.3** Jelly crystals shall be free from dirt and/ or any other extraneous and foreign matter.

**6.2.4** Jelly crystals shall satisfy the requirements of the test for gel strength with the method given in Appendix **B**.

**6.2.5** Upon dissolving the product in accordance with directions of use stipulated on the product label, the solution shall have a uniform colour, characteristic flavour and free from suspended particles.

### **6.3 Chemical requirements**

Jelly crystals shall comply with the requirements given in Table **1** when tested in accordance with the methods given in Column **4** of the table.

**TABLE 1 – Chemical requirements for jelly crystals**

<b>SI NO</b> (1)	<b>Characteristic</b> (2)	<b>Requirement</b> (3)	<b>Method of test</b> (4)
i)	Moisture, per cent by mass, max.	2.0	Clause 3 of SLS 586
ii)	Gelatine content, per cent by mass, min.	8	Clause 10 of SLS 586
iii)	Total sugars* as sucrose per cent by mass, min.	80.0	Clause 7 of SLS 586
iv)	Total ash, per cent by mass, max.	0.5	Appendix C
v)	Acidity as anhydrous citric acid, per cent by mass, min.	0.5	Appendix D

\* Not applicable for energy reduced jelly crystals/ sugar free jelly crystals

#### 6.4 Microbiological requirements

Jelly crystals shall comply with the microbiological limits given in Table 2 when tested in accordance with the methods given in Column 4 of the table.

**TABLE 2 – Microbiological requirements for jelly crystals**

<b>SI NO</b> (1)	<b>Microorganism</b> (2)	<b>Limit</b> (3)	<b>Method of test</b> (4)
i)	Yeast and moulds, cfu per g, max.	1x10 <sup>2</sup>	SLS 516 Part 2/ Section 2
ii)	<i>Salmonella</i> , per 25 g	Absent	SLS 516 Part 5
iii)	<i>Escherichia coli</i> , MPN per g	Absent	SLS 516 Part 12
iv)	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , per g	Absent	SLS 516 Part 6/ Section 1

## 7 CONTAMINANTS

### 7.1 Potentially toxic elements

The product shall not exceed the limits for potentially toxic elements given in Table 3 when tested in accordance with the methods given in Column 4 of the table.



**TABLE 3 - Limits for potentially toxic elements**

<b>Sl No</b> (1)	<b>Potentially toxic element</b> (2)	<b>Limit</b> (3)	<b>Method of test</b> (4)
i)	Arsenic as As, mg/ kg, max.	1.0	<b>AOAC 986.15/ AOAC 2013.06</b>
ii)	Lead as Pb, mg/ kg, max.	0.5	<b>AOAC 999.10/ AOAC 2013.06</b>
iii)	Cadmium as Cd, mg/ kg, max.	1.0	<b>AOAC 999.10/ AOAC 2013.06</b>

## 8 PACKAGING

The product shall be packaged in a clean, air-tight, moisture proof food grade package.

### NOTE

*These packages may be enclosed in a suitable container.*

## 9 MARKING AND/ OR LABELLING

The following shall be marked and/ or labeled legibly and indelibly on each package:

- a) Name of the product as “Jelly crystals” including the flavour and the type ;
- b) Brand name or trade mark, if any;
- c) Net mass in grams;
- d) Name and address of the manufacturer;
- e) Country of origin in case of imported products;
- f) Batch or code number or a decipherable code marking;
- g) Date of manufacture;
- h) Date of expiry;
- j) List of ingredients in descending order;
- k) Permitted food additives name and INS number, if added ;
- m) Directions for preparation;
- n) The warning statement(s) as per the Food (Sweeteners) Regulations if applicable; and
- p) The source of gelatin.

## 10 SAMPLING

Representative samples of the product shall be drawn as prescribed in Appendix A.

## **11 METHODS OF TEST**

Tests shall be carried out as methods prescribed in the Appendix **B** to **D** of this Standard, **Section 2 of Part 2, Part 5, Section 1 of Part 6, Part 12** of **SLS 516, SLS 586** and Official Methods of Analysis, Association of Official Analytical Chemists (**AOAC**) 20<sup>th</sup> edition, 2016.

## **12 CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY**

A lot shall be declared as conforming to the requirements of this Standard if the following conditions are satisfied.

**12.1** Each package selected as in **A.6.1** shall be inspected for packaging and marking and/or labeling requirements.

**12.2** Each package selected as in **A.6.2** shall be examined for requirements given in **6.2.1, 6.2.2** and **6.2.3**.

**12.3** A package tested as in **A.6.3** satisfies the relevant requirements given in **6.2.4** and **6.2.5**.

**12.4** Each package tested as in **A.6.4** satisfies the relevant microbiological requirements given in **6.4** and moisture content SI No (i) in **6.3**.

**12.5** The test results of the composite sample when tested as in **6.3** (except for moisture) and **7.1** satisfies the relevant requirements.

## **APPENDIX A SAMPLING**

### **A.1 LOT**

In any consignment, all the containers or packages of same size and type containing jelly crystals drawn from a single batch of manufacture of a supply shall constitute a lot.

### **A.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF SAMPLING**

**A.2.1** The sampling instrument shall be clean and dry. The product being sampled, the sampling instrument and the containers or packages for samples shall be protected from adventitious contamination.

**A.2.2** To draw a representative sample, the contents of each container or package selected for sampling shall be mixed as thoroughly as possible by suitable means.

**A.2.3** The samples shall be placed in clean, dry and air-tight glass or other suitable containers.

**A.2.4** Each sample container or package shall be sealed air-tight after filling and marked with the necessary details of sampling, the date of sampling and other important particulars of the consignment.

### **A.3 SCALE OF SAMPLING**

**A.3.1** Samples shall be tested from each lot for ascertaining conformity of the product to the requirements of this Standard.

**A.3.2** The number of containers or packages to be selected from the lot shall be in accordance with Table 4.

**TABLE 4 - Scale of sampling**

<b>Number of packages in the lot (1)</b>	<b>Number of packages to be selected (2)</b>
Up to 500	5
501 to 1 200	8
1 201 to 3 200	13
3 201 to 10 000	20
10 001 and above	30

**A.3.3** Packages shall be selected at random. In order to ensure the randomness of the selection, tables of random numbers as given in **SLS 428** shall be used.

### **A.4 PREPARATION OF SAMPLES**

#### **A.4.1 Preparation of samples for microbiological examination**

Five containers or packages shall be selected from the containers or packages selected as in **A.3.2**. A sufficient quantity of material shall be drawn from each container or package using an appropriate sampling instrument. The material obtained from each container or package shall be mixed separately under aseptic conditions to form individual samples. The individual samples obtained shall be transferred separately into sterile sample containers and marked with necessary details of sampling.

#### **A.4.2 Preparation of the composite sample**

Approximately equal quantities shall be drawn from each package selected as in **A.3.2** using an appropriate sampling instrument, mixed and reduced to get a composite sample of sufficient size and transferred to a moisture proof sample container.

### **A.5 REFERENCE SAMPLE**

If reference samples are required for tests other than microbiological examination, the number of containers/ packages to be selected shall be three times the size given in Column 2 of Table 4. The containers/ packages so selected shall be separated into three parts. One of these shall be marked for the purchaser, one for the vendor and the third for reference.

## **A.6 NUMBER OF TESTS**

**A.6.1** Each package selected as in **A.3.2** shall be inspected for packaging and marking and/or labelling requirements.

**A.6.2** Each package selected as in **A.3.2** shall be examined for the requirements given in **6.2.1**, **6.2.2** and **6.2.3**.

**A.6.3** One package shall be selected from the packages selected as in **A.3.2** and tested for the requirements given in **6.2.4** and **6.2.5**.

**A.6.4** Each of the remaining packages shall be individually tested for moisture content given in SI No (i) of Table 1 and microbiology requirements as in **6.4**.

**A.6.5** The composite sample shall be tested for the requirements given in **6.3** (except for moisture) and **7.1**.

## **APPENDIX B DETERMINATION OF GEL STRENGTH**

### **B.1 PROCEDURE**

Dissolve the contents in a container according to the directions given by the manufacturer. Transfer 10 ml of the solution to a test tube having an internal diameter of approximately 12 mm and place the tube in an ice bath. The level of the solution shall be below the level of the ice and water. Place the bath containing the tube in a refrigerator and maintain it at 0°C for 6 hours. No movement of gel shall be observed when the tube is removed from the bath and inverted.

## **APPENDIX C DETERMINATION OF TOTAL ASH**

### **C.1 APPARATUS**

**C.1.1** *Platinum or silica dish*

**C.1.2** *Furnace, maintained at 550 ± 25 °C.*

**C.1.3** *Desiccator*

### **C.2 PROCEDURE**

Weigh, to the nearest milligram, about 5 g of the sample in a tared platinum or silica dish (**C.1.1**). Heat over a low flame until all the organic matter has been charred. Complete ashing by placing the dish in the furnace (**C.1.2**). When all the carbon has been burnt cool the dish in a desiccator and weigh.

Repeat the process of heating, cooling and weighing at 30 minute intervals until the difference between two successive weighings does not exceed 1 mg. Record the lowest mass.

### C.3 CALCULATION

$$\text{Total ash per cent by mass} = \frac{m_2 - m_0}{m_1 - m_0} \times 100$$

where,

$m_0$  is the mass, in g, of the empty dish:

$m_1$  is the mass, in g, of the sample with the dish; and

$m_2$  is the mass, in g, of the ash with the dish.

## APPENDIX D DETERMINATION OF ACIDITY (AS ANHYDROUS CITRIC ACID)

### D.1 REAGENTS

**D.1.1** *Standard Sodium hydroxide solution, 0.1 mol/ l*

**D.1.2** *Phenolphthalein indicator solution*

Dissolve 0.5 g of Phenolphthalein 200 ml of 50 per cent ethyl alcohol (V/V).

### D.2 PROCEDURE

Weigh, to the nearest milligram, about 5 g of the sample in a flask and dissolve in 150 ml of distilled water by placing in a water bath at 60 °C. Cool to room temperature. Add 1 ml of phenolphthalein indicator solution (**D.1.2**) and titrate against the standard Sodium hydroxide solution (**D.1.1**). Use another portion of the sample diluted to the same proportion in a similar flask to observe the colour change at the endpoint.

For highly coloured jelly crystals the acidity should be titrated potentiometrically to pH 8.1.

### D.3 CALCULATION

$$\text{Acidity (as anhydrous citric acid), per cent by mass} = \frac{6.404 Vc}{m}$$

where,

V is the volume, in ml, of standard Sodium hydroxide solution required for the titration;

c is the concentration, in mol/ l, of the standard Sodium hydroxide solution; and

m is the mass, in g, of the sample taken for test.

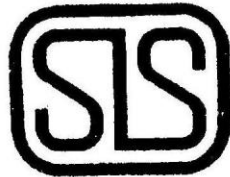
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