



## Edible Insects Regulatory Frameworks:

### The ARSO Standardisation Initiatives.

ARSO has established the ARSO/PC 03 on Insects for food, feeds and derived products with a focus to facilitate Standardization in the field of Insects for food, feeds and derived products including methods of production, processing, distribution and marketing of Insects for food, feeds and their products derived. The standards include terminology, codes of practice, good agriculture practice, organic agriculture, guidelines, sustainability criteria, labelling, methods of sampling and test. Currently, already the following Published Standards and other deliverables under ARSO/PC 03, Insects for food, feeds and other derived products, are available, and were officially launched in Kampala, Uganda on 23rd September 2025:



1. ARSO/PAS 1261:2025, Edible insects — Edible crickets — Specification
2. ARSO/TR 1290:2025, Glossary of edible insects and products - Identification, preparation and processing
3. ARSO/PAS 1291-1:2025, Edible insects — Part 1 Edible insects' products — Specification
4. ARSO/PAS 1291-2:2025, Edible insects — Part 2 Products containing edible insects — Specification
5. ARSO/PAS 1292:2025, Edible insects — Good farming and wild harvesting practices
6. ARSO/PAS 1293:2025, Insect products for animal feeds - Code of good practice in production, processing and use in animal feeding
7. ARSO/PAS 1294:2025, Edible insects — Good agricultural practice on cricket farming
8. ARSO/PAS 1295:2025, Edible insects — Good hygiene practices for insect farming and processing - Code of practice
9. ARS1296:2025, Edible insects — Safety of foods based on edible insects
10. ARSO/PAS 1297:2025, Dried insect products for compounding animal feeds — Specification
11. ARSO/PAS 2050:2025, Edible insects - Edible dried caterpillars — Specification
12. ARS2051:2023, Rearing structures and equipment for insects for food and feed — Code of practice
13. ARSO/GL 2052:2025, Regulatory framework guideline for edible insects and insects for feed in Africa
14. ARSO/TR 2053:2025, Compiled inventory of edible insects for human consumption and insects for animal feeds in Africa
15. ARSO/TR 2054:2025, Insect value-added products — Procedures, hygiene, quality, safety, environmental concerns and standards for trade