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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

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| 1. | <b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>UGANDA</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Uganda National Bureau of Standards  |
| 3. | <b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Fresh or chilled onions and shallots (HS code(s): 070310); Vegetables and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.20)  |
| 4. | <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>  |
| 5. | <b>Title of the notified document:</b> DUS DARS 931:2024, Fresh Onions and Shallots – Specifications, First edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 15<br><a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_08230_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_08230_00_e.pdf</a>   |
| 6. | <b>Description of content:</b> This Uganda standard applies to onion bulbs of varieties grown from <i>Allium cepa</i> L. Cepa group and shallot bulbs grown from <i>Allium cepa</i> Aggregatum group and grey shallots grown from <i>Allium oschaninii</i> O Fedtsch, to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Green onions and green shallots with full leaves as well as onions and shallots intended for industrial processing are excluded. Onions and shallots may be of the following shapes: round, oval/elongated, long or demi-long. Onions and shallots shall have skin colour characteristics of the variety, including white, purple, cream, pink, red, grey, yellow, or brown.<br><br>Note: This Draft Uganda Standards was also notified to the TBT Committee.   |
| 7. | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.   |
| 8. | <b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> CXS 348-2022, Standard for Onions and Shallots<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b><br><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> |

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| <b>9.</b>  | <b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CAC/RCP 1, Recommended International Code of Practice — General Principles of Food Hygiene</li> <li>- CXC 44, Code of Practice for the Packaging and Transport of Tropical Fresh Fruit and Vegetables</li> <li>- CXG 47 , Guidelines for Food Import Control System</li> <li>- CAC/RCP 53, Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</li> <li>- ARS 53, General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice</li> <li>- ARS 56, Pre-packaged foods — Labelling</li> <li>- CXS 193, General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and feed</li> <li>- ISO 874, Fresh fruits and vegetables — Sampling</li> <li>- CXS 348-2022, Standard for Onions and Shallots</li> <li>- Uganda Gazette</li> </ul> |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.<br><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.<br><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b>   |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 7 February 2025<br><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b><br>Uganda National Bureau of Standards<br>Plot 2-12 ByPass Link, Bweyogerere Industrial and Business Park<br>P.O. Box 6329<br>Kampala, Uganda<br>Tel: +(256) 4 1733 3250/1/2<br>Fax: +(256) 4 1428 6123<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@unbs.go.ug">info@unbs.go.ug</a><br>Website: <a href="https://www.unbs.go.ug">https://www.unbs.go.ug</a>  |
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