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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>UGANDA</u> <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 asparagus (HS code(s): 070920); 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> DUS DARS 971:2024, Fresh asparagus — Specification, First edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 17 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_08229_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_08229_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Uganda Standard applies to shoots of commercial varieties of asparagus grown from <i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L. to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Asparagus for industrial processing is excluded.  Asparagus shoots is classified into four groups according to colour: (a) white asparagus; (b) violet asparagus, having tips of a colour between pink and violet or purple and part of the shoot (c) white; (d) violet/green asparagus, part of which is of violet and green colouring; (e) green asparagus having tips and most of the shoot green.  Note: This Draft Uganda Standard 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> CXS 225-2001, Standard for Asparagus <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<p><b>[X] Yes [ ] No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– ARS 53, General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice</li> <li>– ARS 56, Pre-packaged foods — Labelling</li> <li>– CXS 193:1995 (Rev.5:2009), General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and feeds</li> <li>– CXC 44, Recommended International Code of Practice for the Packaging and Transport of Tropical Fresh Fruit and Vegetables</li> <li>– ISO 874, Fresh fruits and vegetables — Sampling</li> <li>– ISO 2173, Fruit, and vegetable products — Determination of soluble solids content — Refractometric method</li> <li>– CXC 53, Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</li> <li>– UNECE STANDARD FFV-04 concerning the marketing and commercial quality control of ASPARAGUS 2022 EDITION</li> <li>– Uganda Gazette (available in English)</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><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</p> <p><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></p> <p>Uganda National Bureau of Standards  Plot 2-12 ByPass Link, Bweyogerere Industrial and Business Park  P.O. Box 6329  Kampala, Uganda  Tel: +(256) 4 1733 3250/1/2  Fax: +(256) 4 1428 6123  E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@unbs.go.ug">info@unbs.go.ug</a>  Website: <a href="https://www.unbs.go.ug">https://www.unbs.go.ug</a></p>
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