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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, 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> Seed potatoes (HS code(s): 070110); Plant growing (ICS code(s): 65.020.20)
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> DEAS 1263:2025, Sweetpotato seed — Requirements for certification, First Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 22 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/UGA/25_03238_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/UGA/25_03238_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This draft East African Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic, and certified sweetpotato seed ( <i>Ipomoea batatas</i> (L) Lam). It covers requirements for eligible varieties, application for certification, field requirements, field inspection, requirements for eligible varieties, application for certification, field requirements, field inspection, storage inspection, size and grading, packaging and labelling.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  1. Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Schemes for Varietal Certification or the Control of Seed Moving in the International Trade 2. International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) 3. ISPM 33: Pest free potato ( <i>Solanum</i> spp.) micropropagative material and minitubers for international trade, Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention, Adopted 2010; published 2019 (available in English)
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <b><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 July 2025 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:  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>
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