



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, UGANDA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Uganda National Bureau of Standards
<b>3. 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> Natural gum Arabic (HS code(s): 130120); Food additives (ICS code(s): 67.220.20)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> DEAS 1327:2026, Harvesting, handling, processing and storage of Gum Arabic — Code of practice, First Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 20 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/UGA/26_01345_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/UGA/26_01345_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This draft Code of practice recommends appropriate hygienic practices for harvesting, processing, handling, packaging, storage, transport, distribution of Gum Arabic from <i>Acacia senegal</i> (L) Wild, <i>Acacia seyal</i> (L) Wild, or of related species of Acacia (Family <i>Leguminosae</i> ) raw material collection at the farm level to the final product intended for food application. This Code guarantees a safe, hygienic and wholesome product. These hygienic practices are particularly important, because hygiene control measures apply to Gum Arabic of different species from the farm to industry. It establishes practices to ensure product safety, quality traceability and compliance with relevant standards across the entire value chain.
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EAS 12, Potable water — Specification</li> <li>- EAS 38, Labelling of pre-packaged foods — General requirements</li> <li>- EAS 39, Hygiene in the food and drink manufacturing industry — Code of practice</li> <li>- Lutte contre la desertification, By the Secretariat of the Interdepartmental working group on desertification, available as a bound book, or a CD-rom on Windows 95/98/NT-32Mbyte RAM; 11 Mbytes EDD</li> <li>- The Gum Tree and Gum Arabic, by Pape NDIENGOU SALL, 03.1997 - 29 pages Technical notes on the project RCS-SAHEL-1 507/RAF/33</li> <li>- Walking profile: GUM ARABIC Overview of world production and commerce by D. MULLER, 1997 then 1999; 15 pages + 3 tables</li> <li>- Proceedings of the SYGGA III Symposium Saint-Louis, SENEGAL, 25-28 10. 1988 State of research on seeds, gum formation</li> <li>- Trees, shrubs and lianas of the dry zones of West Africa, 360 fact sheets, one per species, with 4 identification keys based on leaves, flowers, fruits or thorns, by Michel Arbonnier, January 2000. True field species identification guide</li> <li>- Trees and shrubs of the Sahel, by H. J. VON MAYDELL, 1983 and 1990 - 531 pages Pocket field guide, with several technical annexes (available in English)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. 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>	
<p><b>11. 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>	
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 8 May 2026</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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