



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, UGANDA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Uganda National Bureau of Standards
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): Natural gum Arabic (HS code(s): 130120); Food additives (ICS code(s): 67.220.20)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: DEAS 1326:2026, Gum Arabic — Specification, First Edition. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 38 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/UGA/26_01343_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for food grade Gum Arabic obtained from <i>Acacia senegal</i> (L.) Willdenow var. <i>senegal</i> or <i>Acacia seyal</i> (family <i>Leguminosae</i>) also known as Acacia gum intended for human consumption.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CXS 192, General Standard for Food Additives <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 type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: – AOAC 923.03, Ash of Flour (Direct Method) – AOAC 952.13, Arsenic in food — Silver diethyldithiocarbamate method

- AOAC 972.25, Lead in Food: Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometric Method
- FDEAS 1244, General Standard for the Labelling of Food Additives when sold as such – Requirements
- CAC/GL 50, General guidelines on sampling
- ISO 4833-1, Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Part 1: Colony count at 30 degrees C by the pour plate technique
- ISO 4833-2, Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Part 2: Colony count at 30 degrees C by the surface plating technique
- ISO 5984, Animal feeding stuffs – Determination of crude ash
- ISO 1871, Food and feed products – General guidelines for the determination of nitrogen by the Kjeldahl method
- DEAS 1327, Harvesting, handling, processing and storage of Gum Arabic – Code of practice
- ISO 6579-1, Microbiology of the food chain – Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella – Part 1: Detection of *Salmonella* spp.
- ISO/TS 6579-2, Microbiology of food and animal feed – Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of Salmonella – Part 2: Enumeration by a miniaturized most probable number technique
- ISO 7251, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive *Escherichia coli* – Most probable number technique
- ISO 21527-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs – Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds – Part 2: Colony count technique in products with water activity less than or equal to 0.95
- CXS 192, General Standard for Food Additives
- JECFA (1998). Specifications prepared at the 51st meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). FAO Food and Nutrition Paper (FNP) 52 Addendum 6 (1998). Republished in FNP 52 Addendum 7 (1999) to incorporate editorial revisions. This publication supersedes specifications issued at the 49th JECFA (1997) in FNP 52 Addendum 5 (1997). Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI): "not specified", established by the 35th JECFA (1989)
- International Oenological Codex (2023). Gum Arabic (COEI-1-COMARA; SIN No. 414). Published in Food Bioscience, 53 (June 2023), Article 10271
- IS 6795: Acacia (Arabic) Gum, Food Grade
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