



**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> Fresh or dried bananas (excl. plantains) (HS code(s): 080390); Fruits and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.10); Fresh sweet banana
<b>4. 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>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> DEAS 892:2026, Fresh sweet banana — Specification, Second Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 16 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/UGA/26_02745_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/UGA/26_02745_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Draft East Africa Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for fresh sweet banana of <i>Musa</i> spp., Musaceae family, in an unripe or ripe state, to be supplied to the consumer. Bananas intended for cooking (plantains and East Africa highland banana) or industrial processing are excluded. NOTE: This Draft East Africa Standard was also notified to the TBT Committee.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> CXS 205-1997, Standard for bananas <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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. CAC/RCP 53-2003, Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</li><li>2. EAS 38, Labelling of pre-packaged foods — Specification</li><li>3. ISO 874, Fresh fruits and vegetables – Sampling</li><li>4. ISO 6633, Fruits, vegetables and derived products — Determination of lead content — Flameless atomic absorption spectrometric method</li><li>5. ISO 7558, Guide to the pre-packaging of fresh fruits and vegetables</li><li>6. EAS 892:2017, Fresh sweet banana — Specification</li></ol>
<p><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.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. [X] Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 July 2026 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> [ ] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. <b>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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