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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, UGANDA</u> 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): Manioc (cassava) (HS code(s): 071410); Vegetables and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.20); Fresh cassava root
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 776: 2022, Production and handling of fresh cassava root - Code of practice, Second Edition. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 16 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/UGA/22_5067_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This Draft East African Code provides recommended practices for the production, storage, packaging and transportation of fresh cassava root <i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz intended for human consumption. This code focuses upon issues that are specific to the primary production and packaging of fresh cassava root in order to produce a quality, safe and wholesome product. This code addresses Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), Good Hygiene Practices (GHPs) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) that will help control microbial, chemical and physical hazards associated with all stages of the production of fresh cassava root from primary production to packaging. Particular attention is given to minimizing damage and deterioration of fresh cassava root before marketing. This code does not provide detailed information, which is considered to be generally applicable to all fruits and vegetables or food products in general. Such provisions are available in other codes. As such, this code should be used in conjunction EAS 39 and CAC/RCP 53, Code of hygienic practice for fresh fruits and vegetables. Note: This Draft East African Code was also notified to the TBT Committee.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAS 38, General standard for labeling of prepackaged foods • EAS 39, Hygiene in the food and drink manufacturing industry – Code of practice • CAC/RCP 53, Code of hygienic practice for fresh fruits and vegetables • EAS 776:2012, Production and handling of fresh cassava – Code of practice (available in English)
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 October 2022</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</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: info@unbs.go.ug Website: https://www.unbs.go.ug</p>
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