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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> Tanzania 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> Animal or vegetable fertilisers, whether or not mixed together or chemically treated; Fertilisers produced by the mixing or chemical treatment of animal or vegetable products (HS code(s): 3101); Fertilizers (ICS code(s): 65.080)
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 1176:2023, Biofertilizers - Specifications, First Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 50 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TZA/23_14286_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TZA/23_14286_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This draft East African standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for biofertilizers.  This draft standard covers the following types of biofertilizers: Rhizobia, Phosphate solubilizing microorganism, Azospirillum and Azotobacter.  Note: This Draft African Standard was also notified under TBT Committee.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.	<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>

<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ISO 8157, Fertilizers, Soil Conditioners and beneficial substances - Vocabulary</li> <li>2. AOAC 2006.03, Arsenic, cadmium, cobalt, chromium, lead, molybdenum, nickel, and selenium in fertilizers - Microwave digestion and inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectrometry</li> <li>3. AOAC 965.08, Water (free) in fertilizers - Vacuum-desiccation</li> <li>4. ISO 8397, Solid fertilizers and soil conditioners - Test sieving</li> <li>5. ISO 4832, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs - Horizontal method for the enumeration of coliforms - Colony-count technique</li> <li>6. ISO 10390, Soil, treated biowaste and sludge - Determination of pH</li> <li>7. ISO 11465, Soil quality - Determination of dry matter and water content on a mass basis - Gravimetric method</li> <li>8. ISO 5315, Fertilizers - Determination of total nitrogen content - Titrimetric method after distillation</li> <li>9. ISO 15958, Fertilizers - Extraction of water soluble phosphorus</li> <li>10. ISO 14820-1, Fertilizers and liming materials - Sampling and sample preparation - Part 1: Sampling</li> <li>11. ISO 14820-2, Fertilizers and liming materials - Sampling and sample preparation - Part 2: Sample preparation</li> </ol> <p>(available in English)</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined and notified.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p>	<p><b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 10 February 2024</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>Tanzania Bureau of Standards Ubungu, Morogoro Road/Sam Nujoma Road P. O. Box 9524 Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania Tel: +(255 22) 245 0298       +(255 22) 245 0206 Fax: +(255 22) 245 0959 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@tbs.go.tz">info@tbs.go.tz</a> Website: <a href="http://www.tbs.go.tz">http://www.tbs.go.tz</a></p>
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