



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): Grain sorghum, for sowing (HS code(s): 100710); Plant growing (ICS code(s): 65.020.20); Sorghum seeds
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 822:2024, Sorghum seed — Requirements for certification, Second edition. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 19 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_03062_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This Draft East African Standard specifies the certification requirements for the production of pre-basic, basic and certified seed of sorghum (<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench). It includes requirements for eligible varieties, field standards, field inspections, seed sampling, laboratory standards, certificates, packaging, labelling, and post-control tests. Note: This Draft Uganda Standard was also notified to the TBT Committee.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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 Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the

international standard:	
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Rules 2. OECD Seed Schemes: Guidelines for Control Plot Tests and Field Inspection of Seed Crops 3. OECD Schemes for Varietal Certification or the Control of Seed Moving in International Trade 4. UPOV Test guidelines for sorghum 5. Kenya Gazette Supplement 217, Acts N 53, 2012, the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act. Nairobi Kenya 6. Seed Regulations 2007 , Seed Act N18, 2003 Republic of Tanzania 7. Seeds and Plant Act of Uganda, 2006 8. Rwanda Seed Law # 14/2003. 9. ASARECA, Seed Certification Standards for ten crops of the Major Economic Importance in EAST 10. Africa and Rwanda, July 2007 Obongo Nyachae STAK 11. Harmonization of Seed Policies and Regulations in Eastern Africa. ECAPAPA, ASARECA September 2002 12. Kenya Seed Sector Baseline Study, by Evans Olonyi Sikinyi, Seed Trade Association of Kenya, STAK, AFSTA 2010 13. Rwanda Seed Sector Baseline Study, AFSTA 2010 14. Uganda Seed Sector Baseline Study, Ruth N. Ssebuliba, Uganda Seed Trade Association (USTA), AFSTA 2010 15. Burundi Seed Sector Baseline Study, Mr Juvent Baramburiye, AFSTA 2010 16. Principles of Seed Science and Technology. L.O. Copeland & M.B. McDonald. Second Edition 1985 17. CABI, Crop Protection Compendium, 2013 18. OECD Document TAD/CA/S/RD/2008/12/REV2, April 2009 19. UPOV Convention Act 1991 20. IOWA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (ICIA), Certification Standards 2009 21. Corn Inspector Training Manual, ICIA Ames Iowa 2009 22. Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) Cultivar Purity Testing Handbook 23. The seeds and plant regulations for Uganda 2011 24. ISTA Handbook on Seedling Evaluation 25. OECD Seed Schemes; Rules and Regulations 2013 (available in English)
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 July 2024</p> <p>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:</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</p>

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