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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### 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> Groundnut seed, for sowing (HS code(s): 120230); Plant growing (ICS code(s): 65.020.20)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> DEAS 825: 2024, Groundnut seed — Requirements for certification, Second Edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 20 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_03072_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_03072_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Draft East African Standard specifies the certification requirements for the production of pre-basic, basic and certified seed of groundnut ( <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L.). 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.
<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 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 <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>

**9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

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 the Varietal Certification or the Control of Seed Moving in International Trade
4. UPOV Test guidelines for groundnut
5. Kenya Gazette Supplement 217, Acts N 53, 2012, the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act
6. Seed Regulations 2007, Seed Act N18, 2003 United Republic of Tanzania
7. Seed and Plant Act of Uganda, 2006
8. Rwanda Seed Law # 14/2003
9. ASARECA, July 2007. Seed Certification Standards for ten crops of the Major Economic Importance in EAST Africa and Rwanda, Obongo Nyachae STAK
10. ECAPAPA, ASARECA September, 2002. Harmonization of Seed Policies and Regulations in Eastern Africa: Results and Agreements: ECAPA Monograph Series 4, September 2012
11. Kenya Seed Sector Baseline Study, by Evans Olonyi Sikinyi, Seed Trade Association of Kenya, STAK, AFSTA 2010
12. Rwanda Seed Sector Baseline Study, AFSTA 2010
13. Uganda Seed Sector Baseline Study, Ruth N. Ssebuliba, Uganda Seed Trade Association (USTA). AFSTA 2010
14. Burundi Seed Sector Baseline Study, Mr Juvent Baramburiye, AFSTA 2010
15. CABI, 2013. Crop Protection Compendium. Wallingford, United Kingdom: CAB International. <http://www.cabi.org/cpc>
16. UPOV Convention Act 1991
17. Groundnut Seed Production Manual. Natalee, Diallo, Ndjeunga and Walifar ICRISAT, FAO CFC
18. COMESA Seed Trade Harmonization Regulations, 2013 (available in English)

**10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** To be determined.

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**11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):** To be determined.

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**12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):** 12 July 2024

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