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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>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> Bananas, incl. plantains, fresh or dried (HS code(s): 0803); Fruits and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.10); Fresh bananas
<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> DUS DARS 831:2024, Fresh banana – Specification, First edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 18 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_05262_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_05262_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements of Banana varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Musa spp.</i> (AAA), of the Musaceae family, entering the domestic and international trade in the fresh and natural state. Bananas for industrial processing are excluded.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<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>

9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CAC/RCP 1, Recommended International Code of Practice — General Principles of Food Hygiene</li> <li>- CAC/RCP 44, Recommended International Code of Practice for the Packaging and Transport of Tropical Fresh Fruit and Vegetables</li> <li>- CAC/RCP 53, Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits, and Vegetables</li> <li>- ARS 53, General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice</li> <li>- ARS 56, Prepackaged foods — Labelling</li> <li>- CODEX STAN 193:1995 (Rev.5:2009), General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods</li> <li>- ISO 874, Fresh fruits, and vegetables — Sampling</li> <li>- ISO 2173, Fruit, and vegetable products — Determination of soluble solids content — Refractometric method</li> <li>- GS 977: 2016, Fresh fruits, and vegetables – Specification for fresh banana, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition</li> <li>- Uganda Gazette (available in English)</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
11.	<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><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 11 October 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>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>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. 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>