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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> Fresh or dried avocados (HS code(s): 080440); Fruits and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.10); Fresh avocados
<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 887:2024, Fresh avocados – 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_05258_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_05258_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Draft Uganda standard applies to avocados of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Persea americana</i> Mill. to be supplied fresh to the consumer, parthenocarpic fruit and avocados for industrial processing being excluded. The standard also specifies the requirements for handling, grading and packaging of the produce up to the dispatching state.
<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 197-1995, Standard for Avocado <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>

<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>- CAC/RCP 1, Recommended International Code of Practice — General Principles of Food Hygiene</li> <li>- CAC/RCP 44, Recommended International Code of Practice for Packaging and Transport of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</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>- UNECE standard FFV-42 concerning the marketing and commercial quality control of avocados.</li> <li>- Uganda Gazette (available in English)</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  <b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. 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>
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