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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 tamarinds, cashew apples, jackfruit, lychees, sapodillo plums, passion fruit, carambola, pitahaya and other edible fruit (excl. nuts, bananas, dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes, mangosteens, papaws "papayas", citrus fruit, grapes, melons, apples, pears quinces, apricots, cherries, peaches, plums, sloes, strawberries, raspberries, mulberries, blackberries, loganberries, cranberries, fruits of the genus Vaccinium, kiwifruit, durians, persimmons, black-, white- and redcurrants and gooseberries) (HS code(s): 081090); Fruits and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.10); Pomegranate fruit
<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> DUS DARS 918:2024, Pomegranate fruit – Specification, First edition. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 16 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_05239_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_05239_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Draft Uganda Standard applies to pomegranates of varieties (cultivars) grown from Punica granatum L. of Puniaceae family to be supplied fresh to the consumer, pomegranates for industrial processing being 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 310-2013, Standard for Pomegranate <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

**If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**

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

- ARS 53, General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice
- ARS 56, Pre-packaged foods — Labelling
- CODEX STAN 193:1995 (Rev.5:2009), General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods
- CAC/RCP 1, Recommended International Code of Practice — General Principles of Food Hygiene
- CAC/RCP 44, Recommended International Code of Practice for the Packaging and Transport of Tropical Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
- CAC/RCP 53, Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
- CODEX STAN 193:1995 (Rev.5:2009), General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods
- CODEX STAN 228:2001 (Rev.1:2004), General methods of analysis for contaminants
- ISO 874, Fresh fruits and vegetables — Sampling
- ISO 23393:2006, Pomegranate fruit — Specification and test methods
- Codex Alimentarius website:  
[http://www.codexalimentarius.net/mrls/pestdes/jsp/pest\\_q-e.jsp](http://www.codexalimentarius.net/mrls/pestdes/jsp/pest_q-e.jsp)
- Fruits and Vegetables Grading and Marking Rules, 2004, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Schedule V, Grade Designation and Quality of Pomegranate.
- ISO 23393:2006, Pomegranate fruit — Specification and test methods
- UNECE STANDARD FFV-64 concerning the marketing and commercial quality control of Pomegranates 2022 Edition
- USDA Foreign Agricultural Service website: <http://www.mrlatabase.com>
- USDA Agricultural Marketing Service website:  
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/Standards>
- USDA Plant Inspectorate Service website:  
[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants)
- Uganda Gazette (available in English)

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

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

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

**[X] Trade facilitating measure**

**12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):** 11 October 2024

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