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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 chilled lettuce (excl. cabbage lettuce) (HS code(s): 070519); Vegetables and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.20); Fresh romaine lettuce
<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 932:2024, Fresh romaine lettuce – 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_05224_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_05224_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Draft Uganda Standard applies to romaine lettuce of the variety <i>Lactuca sativa longifolia</i> to be supplied fresh to the consumer. This standard does not apply to produce for industrial processing, produce presented as individual leaves, lettuces with root ball or lettuces in pots.
<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 type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <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.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ARS 53, General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice;</li> <li>- ARS 56, Prepackaged foods — Labelling;</li> <li>- CAC/GL 21, Principles for the establishment and application of microbiological criteria for foods;</li> <li>- CAC/RCP 44, Recommended international code of practice for the packaging and transport of tropical fresh fruits and vegetables;</li> <li>- CAC/RCP 53, Code of hygienic practice for fresh fruits and vegetables;</li> <li>- CODEX STAN 193, Codex general standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed;</li> <li>- ISO 874, Fresh fruits and vegetables — Sampling;</li> <li>- ISO 2169, Fruits and vegetables — Physical conditions in cold stores — Definitions and measurement;</li> <li>- United States Standards for Grades of Romaine, Effective August 10, 1960 (Reprinted — January 1997);</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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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>