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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

### **NOTIFICATION**

1.	Notifying Member: BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, UGANDA
	If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Uganda National Bureau of Standards
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): Groundnut seed, for sowing (HS code(s): 120230); Plant growing (ICS code(s): 65.020.20)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[ ] Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>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
	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24 03072 00 e.pdf
6.	<b>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.
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
	[] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
	[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
	[X] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
	[]Yes []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:

- 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
- 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.

**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): 12 July 2024

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