NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** 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):** Fresh or chilled asparagus (HS code(s): 070920); Vegetables and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.20) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[X] All trading partners**  **[ ] Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** DUS DARS 971:2024, Fresh asparagus — Specification, First edition. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 17  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_08229_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Uganda Standard applies to shoots of commercial varieties of asparagus grown from *Asparagus officinalis* L. to be supplied fresh to the consumer Asparagus for industrial processing is excluded.  Asparagus shoots is classified into four groups according to colour:   1. white asparagus; 2. violet asparagus, having tips of a colour between pink and violet or purple and part of the shoot 3. white; 4. violet/green asparagus, part of which is of violet and green colouring; 5. green asparagus having tips and most of the shoot green.   Note: This Draft Uganda Standard was also notified to the TBT Committee. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** CXS 225-2001, Standard for Asparagus  **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[X] 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:**   * ARS 53, General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice * ARS 56, Pre-packaged foods — Labelling * CXS 193:1995 (Rev.5:2009), General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and feeds * CXC 44, Recommended International Code of Practice for the Packaging and Transport of Tropical Fresh Fruit and Vegetables * ISO 874, Fresh fruits and vegetables — Sampling * ISO 2173, Fruit, and vegetable products — Determination of soluble solids content — Refractometric method * CXC 53, Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables * UNECE STANDARD FFV-04 concerning the marketing and commercial quality control of ASPARAGUS 2022 EDITION * 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)*:** 7 February 2025  **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:**  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: [info@unbs.go.ug](mailto:info@unbs.go.ug)  Website: <https://www.unbs.go.ug> |
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