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 StandardsPlot 2-12 ByPass Link, Bweyogerere Industrial and Business ParkP.O. Box 6329Kampala, UgandaTel: +(256) 4 1733 3250/1/2Fax: +(256) 4 1428 6123E-mail: info@unbs.go.ugWebsite: <https://www.unbs.go.ug> |
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