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):** Food preparations, n.e.s. (HS code(s): 210690); Vegetables and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.20); Hibiscus drink |
| **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 1023:2024, Hibiscus drink — Specification, First edition. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 16  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_08398_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for non-alcoholic hibiscus drink intended for direct human consumption.  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:**  **[ ] 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. Uganda Gazette 2. CXS 192, General Standard for Food Additives 3. CXS 193, General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed 4. ISO 2173, Fruit and Vegetable Products — Determination of Soluble Solids — Refractometric Method 5. CXG 66-2008, Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings 6. ARS 53, General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice 7. ARS 56, Prepackaged foods — Labelling 8. AOAC 981.12 9. ISO 750 10. AOAC 2005.02 11. ISO 4833, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms — Colony-count technique at 30 degrees C 12. ISO 6888-3, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus* and other species) — Part 3: Detection and MPN technique for low numbers 13. ISO 7251, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive *Escherichia coli* — Most probable number technique 14. ISO 21527-2, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds — Part 2: Colony count technique in products with water activity less than or equal to 0.95 15. ISO 2448, Fruit and vegetable products — Determination of ethanol content 16. GS 1246:2019; Non-alcoholic beverages – Specification for bissap drink (sobolo) 17. TZS 1191:2017; Roselle non-alcoholic drink – Specification. (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)*:** 14 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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