



### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, UGANDA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> 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> <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Grain sorghum, for sowing (HS code(s): 100710); Plant growing (ICS code(s): 65.020.20); Sorghum Seeds
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> DEAS 822:2024, Sorghum seed – Requirements for certification, Second edition  Note: This Draft East African Standard was also notified to the SPS Committee.; (19 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Draft East African Standard specifies the certification requirements for the production of pre-basic, basic and certified seed of sorghum ( <i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench). It includes requirements for eligible varieties, field standards, field inspections, seed sampling, laboratory standards, certificates, packaging, labelling, and post control tests.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Quality requirements; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade

**8. Relevant documents:**

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 Varietal Certification or the Control of Seed Moving in International Trade
4. UPOV Test guidelines for sorghum
5. Kenya Gazette Supplement 217, Acts N 53, 2012, the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act. Nairobi Kenya.
6. Seed Regulations 2007 , Seed Act N18, 2003 Republic of Tanzania
7. Seeds and Plant Act of Uganda, 2006
8. Rwanda Seed Law # 14/2003.
9. ASARECA, Seed Certification Standards for ten crops of the Major Economic Importance in EAST
10. Africa and Rwanda, July 2007 Obongo Nyachae STAK.
11. Harmonization of Seed Policies and Regulations in Eastern Africa. ECAPAPA, ASARECA September 2002.
12. Kenya Seed Sector Baseline Study, by Evans Olonyi Sikinyi, Seed Trade Association of Kenya, STAK, AFSTA 2010
13. Rwanda Seed Sector Baseline Study, AFSTA 2010
14. Uganda Seed Sector Baseline Study, Ruth N. Ssebuliba, Uganda Seed Trade Association (USTA), AFSTA 2010
15. Burundi Seed Sector Baseline Study, Mr. Juvent Baramburiye, AFSTA 2010
16. Principles of Seed Science and Technology. L.O.Copeland & M.B. McDonald. Second Edition 1985.
17. CABI, Crop Protection Compendium, 2013.
18. OECD Document TAD/CA/S/RD/2008/12/REV2, April 2009
19. UPOV Convention Act 1991
20. IOWA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (ICIA), Certification Standards 2009.
21. Corn Inspector Training Manual, ICIA Ames Iowa 2009
22. Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) Cultivar Purity Testing Handbook.
23. The seeds and plant regulations for Uganda 2011"
24. ISTA Handbook on Seedling Evaluation
25. OECD Seed Schemes; Rules and Regulations 2013"

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined

**10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification

**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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