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):** Dried fruits and vegetables |
| **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 640:2021, Code of practice for the production, handling and processing of dried fruits and vegetables, Second Edition.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 32  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/UGA/21_3232_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft code of practice applies to fruits and vegetables that have been dried by natural or artificial means or a combination of both. The fruits and vegetables are dried to the extent that the greater part of the moisture has been removed, and in addition the fruits and vegetables may be subjected to a safe and appropriate treatment in preparation and packing. This code does not apply to fruits commonly known as "dehydrated fruits" with moisture content not exceeding 5%. |
| **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)*:** CXC 3-1969, Code of Hygienic Practice for Dried Fruits  **[ ]****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:**   * US EAS 12, Potable water - Specification; * US 640:2006, Code of Practice for the production, handling and processing of solar dried fruits; * CXC 3-1969, Code of Hygienic Practice for Dried Fruits; * CXC 5-1971, Code of Hygienic Practice for Dehydrated Fruits and Vegetables including Edible Fungi; * Uganda Gazette.   (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** September 2021  **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)*:** Upon declaration as mandatory by the Minister for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.  **[****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)*:** 3 July 2021  **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  Website: <https://www.unbs.go.ug> |
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