NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, 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):** Vegetable saps and extracts (excl. liquorice, hops, opium and ephedra) (HS code(s): 130219); Food additives (ICS code(s): 67.220.20) |
| **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:** DEAS 1132: 2023, Natural vanilla extract — Specification, First Edition.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 14[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/UGA/23\_1561\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/UGA/23_1561_00_e.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for natural vanilla extract products obtained from pods of *V. planifolia. A*, *V. tahitensis* and *V. pompona* species of vanilla orchid for use for use as a flavouring agent in food products. |
| **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:** * AOAC 999.11, Determination of Lead, Cadmium, Copper, Iron, and Zinc in Foods, Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry after Dry Ashing
* AOAC 2015.01, Heavy Metals in Food Inductively Coupled Plasma–Mass Spectrometry
* AOAC 2000.09 Ochratoxin A in Roasted Coffee Immunoaffinity column HPLC method
* CAC/GL 50, General guidelines on sampling
* Codex 193, General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed
* EAS 39, Code of practice for hygiene in the food and drink manufacturing industry
* EAS 104, Alcoholic beverages — Methods of sampling and test
* CODEX STAN 107, General standard for the labelling of food additives when sold as such
* ISO 4833, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms – Colony\-count technique at 30°C
* ISO 6579, Microbiology of food and feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection of *Salmonella* spp.
* 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
* EAS 38, Labelling of pre-packaged foods — General requirements
* ISO 16649-1, Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the enumeration of beta-glucuronidase-positive *Escherichia coli* — Part 1: Colony-count technique at 44 degrees C using membranes and 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl beta-D-glucuronide
* ISO 16050, Foodstuffs — Determination of aflatoxin B1, and the total content of aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2 in cereals, nuts and derived products — High\-performance liquid chromatographic method
* ISO 7952, Fruits, vegetables and derived products — Determination of copper content — Method using flame atomic absorption spectrometry
* ISO 6637, Fruits, vegetables and derived products -- Determination of mercury content -- Flameless atomic absorption method

(available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** December 2023**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)*:** 5 May 2023**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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