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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>UGANDA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Uganda National Bureau of Standards <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>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Plant growing (ICS: 65.020.20)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> FDUS EAS 822:2014, Sorghum Seed - Requirements for Certification (26 pages, in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Final 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 and labelling, and post control tests.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Trade promotion; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Kenya Gazette Supplement 217, Acts N 53, 2012, The Seeds and Plant Varieties Act;</li><li>2. Seed Regulations 2007, Seed Act N18, 2003 Republic of Tanzania;</li><li>3. Seed and Plant Act of Uganda, 2006;</li><li>4. Rwanda Seed Law # 14/2003;</li><li>5. ASARECA, July 2007. Seed Certification Standards for Ten Crops of the Major Economic Importance in East Africa and Rwanda, Obongo Nyachae STAK;</li><li>6. ECAPAPA, ASARECA September, 2002. Harmonization of Seed Policies and Regulations in Eastern Africa;</li><li>7. Kenya Seed Sector Baseline Study, by Evans Olonyi Sikinyi, Seed Trade Association of Kenya, STAK, AFSTA 2010;</li><li>8. Rwanda Seed Sector Baseline Study, AFSTA 2010;</li><li>9. Uganda Seed Sector Baseline Study, Ruth N. Ssebuliba, Uganda Seed Trade Association (USTA) FSTA 2010;</li><li>10. Burundi Seed Sector Baseline Study, Mr. Juvent Baramburiye, AFSTA 2010;</li><li>11. CABI, 2013. Crop Protection Compendium. Wallingford, UK: CAB International. <a href="http://www.cabi.org/cpc">http://www.cabi.org/cpc</a>;</li><li>12. UPOV Convention Act 1991;</li><li>13. ISTA Handbook on Seedling Evaluation;</li></ol>

14. The Seeds and Plants Regulations for Uganda 2011.	
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> September 2015 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Upon declaration as mandatory by the Minister for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification
11.	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/TBT/UGA/15_1167_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/TBT/UGA/15_1167_00_e.pdf</a>