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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>BURUNDI</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Burundi Bureau of Standards and Quality Control (BBN) Boulevard de la Tanzanie N° 500 BP: 3535 Bujumbura, Burundi Tel: +25722221815/+25722221577 E- Mail: <a href="mailto:info@bbnburundi.org">info@bbnburundi.org</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.bbnburundi.org">www.bbnburundi.org</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 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 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> Plant growing (ICS 65.020.20)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Rice seeds — Requirements for certification
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Draft East Africa Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified seed of rice ( <i>Oryza sativa</i> L.). It includes requirements for eligible varieties, field requirements, field inspections, seed sampling, laboratory requirements, certificates, packaging and labelling, and post-control tests.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> National security requirements; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Harmonization
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) rules</i></li><li>• <i>OECD, Seed Schemes; Guidelines for Control Plot Tests and Field Inspection of Seed Crops</i></li><li>• <i>OECD, Schemes for Varietal Certification or the Control of Seed Moving in the International Trade</i></li><li>• <i>UPOV TG/16/8, Guidelines for conducting DUS tests for Rice (Oryza sativa L.)</i></li></ul>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 6 months from adoption
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification
<b>11.</b>	<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>  Documentation and Information Centre Division at BBN Boulevard de la Tanzanie N° 500 BP: 3535 Bujumbura, Burundi Tel: +25722221815 or +25722221577 E- Mail: <a href="mailto:info@bbnburundi.org">info@bbnburundi.org</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.bbnburundi.org">www.bbnburundi.org</a>