NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** BURUNDI, KENYA, RWANDA, TANZANIA, UGANDA  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  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](mailto:info@unbs.go.ug)  Website: <https://www.unbs.go.ug>  **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:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****X],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF (HS code(s): 39); Other rubber and plastics products (ICS code(s): 83.140.99); Plastic monobloc chair |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DEAS 1150: 2023, Plastic monobloc chair — Specification, First Edition; (52 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements and test methods for the evaluation and selection of plastic monobloc chairs for adults.  This standard does not cover chairs intended for children and bathroom use.  This East African Standard allows for two levels of performance based on the end use of the chair, domestic or commercial. The forces used are sufficient to apply to chairs intended for adult use and also to ensure that a chair meets the minimum requirements in its intended environment, but do not ensure that failure will not eventually occur either as a result of habitual misuse or after three years of service.  With the exception of the seat and back loading point determination and the seat impact test, test results are dependent on the loads being correctly applied, therefore for the remaining tests, apparatus equivalent to that listed may be used. In the case of designs not catered for in the test procedures, the test should be carried out as closely as possible to that described and deviations from the test procedure noted on the test report.  The strength and durability of the chair are determined by the application of static, impact and fatigue tests. The forces used are sufficient to allow for normal functional use. Strength and durability are detailed in Clause 4. The stability of the chair is determined by both the application of impact forces and by applying loads that could normally be encountered. Stability is detailed in Clause 5 and by tilting the chair to simulate normal functional use. The tests provide a procedure that will allow comparative analysis of the stability of various chairs under relatively fixed conditions. Chair stability is related to personal sitting habits, chair style, use conditions, floor finish and condition as well as design of the chair legs, which are variables complicating the fixing of minimum requirements. The minimum acceptance level is based on the weight and style of chair for both forwards and rearwards overturning. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   1. ISO 2439, Flexible cellular polymer materials — Determination of hardness (indentation technique) 2. KS 1821: 2005, Plastic monobloc chairs — Specification 3. TZS 1232: 2010, Plastic monobloc chairs – Specification 4. US 634: 2006, Specification for plastic monobloc chairs |
| **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:**  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](mailto:info@unbs.go.ug)  Website: <https://www.unbs.go.ug>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/UGA/23_09944_00_e.pdf> |