NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** KENYA**If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Kenya Bureau of Standards**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:** Kenya Bureau of StandardsWTO/TBT National Enquiry Point P.O. Box: 54974-00200, Nairobi, Kenya Telephone: + (254) 020 605490, 605506/6948258 Fax: + (254) 020 609660/609665 E-mail: info@kebs.org; Website: <http://www.kebs.org> |
| **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):** Processes in the food industry (ICS code(s): 67.020); Vegetables and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.20) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** DKS 691:2023 Seeds for cucurbit vegetables —Requirements for certification; (16 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Kenya standard prescribes requirements for certification of seeds for cucurbit vegetable crops that are locally produced or imported. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 1. Minimum seed certification standard, United States.
2. International Crop Improvement Association, Publication No. 21.
3. MS 3.71 Specification for vegetable seeds for planting.
4. Seed and Plant Varieties Act, Cap. 326 of the Laws of Kenya
5. *International Seed Testing Association ISTA Rules*
6. *OECD, Seed Schemes; Guidelines for Control Plot Tests and Field Inspection of Seed Crops*
7. *OECD, Schemes for Varietal Certification or the Control of Seed Moving in the International Trade*
8. *Seeds and plant varieties Act- Cap 326*
9. *EMCA Act- Cap 387*
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| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 30 September 2024**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:** Kenya Bureau of StandardsWTO/TBT National Enquiry Point P.O. Box: 54974-00200, Nairobi, Kenya Telephone: + (254) 020 605490, 605506/6948258 Fax: + (254) 020 609660/609665 E-mail: info@kebs.org; Website: <http://www.kebs.org><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/KEN/24_02572_00_e.pdf> |