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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Revision

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Notifying Member: <u>UGANDA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Uganda National 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:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Toys; Electrical and Electronics; Automotive Products and Inputs; Chemical Products; Mechanical Materials and Gas Appliances; Textile, Leather, Plastics and Rubber; Furniture (wood and metal articles); Paper and Stationery; Protective Safety Equipment; Food and Food Products; and Used Products, including used Motor Vehicles.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Uganda National Bureau of Standards (Use of Distinctive Mark on Commodities) Regulations, 2017. (23 pages, in English)
6. Description of content: The draft regulations contain provisions for prohibition from dealing in a commodity without a distinctive mark; application of a distinctive mark on a commodity; registration of importers and manufacturers and use of distinctive marks; application requirements for a domestic manufacturer; application requirements for an importer; sampling of products for testing; application of a distinctive mark on a commodity; terms of use of a distinctive mark; suspension or withdrawal of authorization to use a distinctive mark; cancellation of a permit to use a distinctive mark; refusal to grant or renew authorization to use a distinctive mark where the requirements of these Regulations have not been met; renewal of the permit to use the distinctive mark for domestic manufacturers; administrative sanctions; fees and charges for the application of the grant of a authorization to use a distinctive mark and other incidental matters; offences and penalties for using a distinctive mark without authorization or falsely representing any product to be a product that complies with the provisions of these Regulations; and appeals as provided for under section 25 of the UNBS Act CAP 327 as amended.
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 animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements

8. Relevant documents: Uganda National Bureau of Standards Act, Cap 327.
9. Proposed date of adoption: July 2017. Proposed date of entry into force: 6 months from date of adoption.
10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/UGA/17_2000_00_e.pdf