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Dear Stakeholder,

RE: Request for comments on Draft African Standards

The ARSO/TC 05 on Horticulture through its national mirror technical committee, UNBS TC 204 on Fruits, vegetables, tubers and processed products has developed 10 Draft African Standards (DARS) in accordance with the procedures for development of African Standards. The Draft standards include:

- a) DARS 903:2024, Fresh melon — Specification
- b) DARS 831:2024, Fresh banana — Specification
- c) DARS 886:2024, Fresh pineapples — Specification
- d) DARS 887:2024, Fresh avocados — Specification
- e) DARS 889:2024, Fresh papaya — Specification
- f) DARS 890:2024, Passion fruit — Specification
- g) DARS 942:2024, Fresh carrot — Specification
- h) DARS 888 2024, Fresh mangoes — Specification
- i) DARS 918:2024, Pomegranate — Specification
- j) ISO 3959:1977, Green bananas — Ripening conditions

The Draft African standards are now being circulated to stakeholders and the public for comments on their suitability for implementation. Find the drafts standards attached.

The Committee would appreciate any comments on the Draft African standards, which should be submitted before **1 April 2025** to the Manager Standards Department for the attention of Mr. Edward Kizza, (edward.kizza@unbs.go.ug / 0700315262).

Comments should be submitted using attached Comment sheet. Detailed comments may be provided on a separate sheet of paper identifying the number of clause to which they refer. Suggestions on revision of texts should indicate the preferred wording.

It will also be appreciated if those with no specific comments to make but find the Draft standards suitable notify UNBS accordingly.

Looking forward to your continued cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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