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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

1. Notifying Member: <u>UGANDA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 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): Needles Used in Surgical Sutures -- Sinkers, needles and other articles used in forming stitches (HS 844851), -- Tubular metal needles and needles for sutures (HS 901832). Syringes, needles and catheters (ICS 11.040.25), Surgical instruments and materials (ICS 11.040.30).
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: DUS 1962: 2018, Standard Test Method for Penetration Testing of Needles Used in Surgical Sutures. (10 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: This Draft Uganda Standard describes the procedure for penetration testing sharp and blunt needles used for the placement of surgical sutures. It only describes the test procedures (Phase 1) and does not define a test medium at this time. Test media will be address in the next phase (Phase 2) of this test method's evolution. This test method applies to straight and curved surgical needles. This test method does not intend to address the value of the test with respect to actual conditions of use. In this test method, it is assumed the needles used for this test have passed all applicable quality standards and have no physical malformation that would inappropriately influence the test results. This test method quantifies the force required for a needle to pass through a medium and its ability to do so multiple times.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety
8. Relevant documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. E122 Practice for Calculating Sample Size to Estimate, With Specified Precision, the Average for a Characteristic of a Lot or Process2. F1840 Terminology for Surgical Suture Needles
9. Proposed date of adoption: June 2018.

Proposed date of entry into force: Not applicable.
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: