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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>KENYA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Kenya Bureau of Standards <b>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:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Fertilizers (HS: 31, ICS: 65.080)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> KS 2356:2015, Bio-Fertilizer – Specification (74 pages, in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Kenya Standard specifies requirements for bio-fertilizers. It does not cover manures and plant growth promoters. Bio-fertilizer are products containing living organisms which colonize the rhizosphere or the interior of the plant and promote growth by increasing the supply or availability of primary nutrients and/or growth stimulus to the target crop, when applied to seed, plant surfaces, or soil. They may be formulated in different types of inorganic and organic carriers.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Quality requirements; Protection of human health or safety; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> EAS 456: 2007- East African Organic Products Standard Microbial research centre (UON) Manual The Forum for nuclear cooperation in ASIA; bio fertilizer manual 2006 Indian bio fertilizer standards – IS 8268:2001 – Standard for Rhizobium IS 9138:2002-standard for Azotobacter IS 14806:2000-Standard for Azospirillum IS 14807:2000 – Standard for phosphate solubilizers IPPC (ISPM -3)-2005-Guidelines for the export, shipment, import and release of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms. Australian standard on Bio fertilizers.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> June 2016 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Upon declaration as mandatory by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization and Investment
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 5 April 2016

**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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