



DRAFT TANZANIA STANDARD

Asparagus - Specification and test method

0 National foreword

The Tanzania Bureau of Standards is the statutory national standards body for Tanzania, established under the Act. No.3 of 1975, amended by Act. No. 2 of 2009.

This draft Tanzania Standard is being prepared by the Fresh fruits and Vegetables Technical Committee, under the supervision of the Agriculture and Food Standards Divisional Committee (AFDC).

This draft Tanzania Standard is the identical adoption of ISO 20981:2020 Asparagus - Specification and test method published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

Terminology and conventions

The text of the International standard is hereby being recommended for approval without deviation for publication as draft Tanzania standard.

Some terminology and certain conventions are not identical with those used as Tanzania Standards; attention is drawn to the following:

The comma has been used as decimal marker for metric dimensions. In Tanzania, its current practice to use a full point on the base line as decimal marker.

Wherever the words "International Standard" appear, referring to this draft standard, Tanzania Standard, they should read as "Tanzania Standard".

1 scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for fresh asparagus shoots of commercial varieties of asparagus grown from *Asparagus officinalis* L., of the Liliaceae family, offered to consumers after preparation and packaging.

This document is applicable to all asparagus except green and violet/green asparagus with a diameter less than 3 mm and white and violet asparagus with a diameter less than 8 mm, packed in uniform bundles or unit packages.

This document does not apply to processed asparagus.