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All members of Seeds and Propagation Materials (AFDC 30),  
All members of Agriculture and Food Divisional Committee (AFDC).

**RE: DRAFT EAST AFRICANS STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC REVIEWS UNDER SEEDS AND PROPAGATION MATERIALS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Please refer to the heading above.

2. I wish to inform you that, Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) in collaboration with East African Community (EAC) is in the process of harmonizing East African Standards on Seeds and Propagation materials.

3. In accordance with the principles and procedures for development of East African Standards, Draft East African Standards for Seeds and Propagation Materials Technical Committee (EASC/TC 012) had a harmonization meeting to deliberate on five (5) draft standards and are now circulated for public review as indicated below:

- DEAS 821:2024, Maize seed – Requirements for certification;
- DEAS 822:2024, Sorghum seed – Requirements for certification;
- DEAS 823:2024, Sunflower seed – Requirements for certification;
- DEAS 824:2024, Soya bean seed – Requirements for certification; and
- DEAS 825:2024, Groundnut seed – Requirement for certification.

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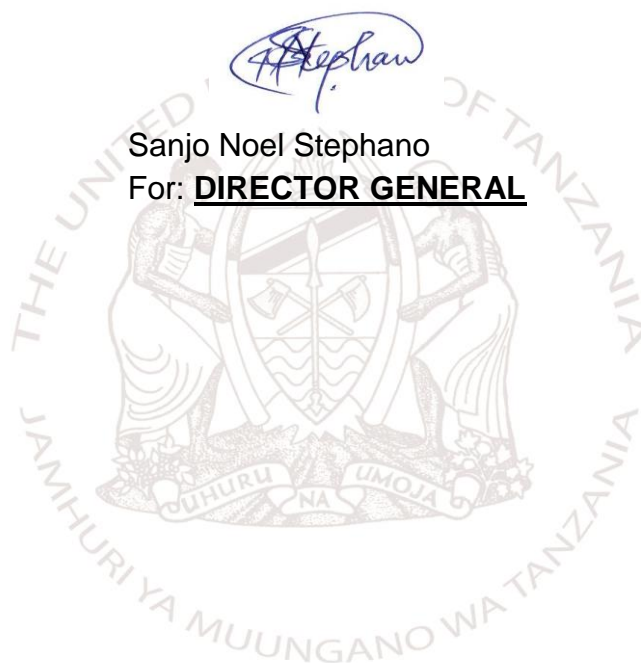
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4. Being one of the key stakeholders in standards development, we kindly request you to go through the draft standards and send your comments regarding to its technical contents.
5. Suggestion which entails revision of text should indicate the preferred wording and the relevant clause should be quoted against each comment. In case you find it suitable and no comments, please notify accordingly.
6. Your comments can be submitted in electronic form or hard copy as per the attached form.
7. We will appreciate receiving your comments before **2024 - 07- 13**.
8. Thank you for your continued cooperation and looking forward to receiving your comments if any.
9. Yours faithfully,



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