Tanzania

Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report

FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:
This report complements the FAIRS Country Report. The report specifically provides information on Government of Tanzania (GoT) required certificates for exporting food and agricultural products to Tanzania. The GoT provides the Tanzania National Business Portal as the single point for exporters and importers to electronically submit and receive approvals from all the regulatory agencies involved in international trade.
**Section I: List of All Export Certificates Required By Government of Tanzania**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Products</th>
<th>Title of Certificate</th>
<th>Attestation Required on Certificate</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Requesting Ministry(Regulatory Agency)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Almost all food and food products.</td>
<td>Certificate of Conformity (COC).</td>
<td>Product conforms to Tanzania’s applicable standards in priority order.</td>
<td>Ensures only quality goods gain entry, thereby offering the necessary protection to consumers in safety, health, and environmental matters.</td>
<td>Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).</td>
</tr>
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<td>Meat and meat products.</td>
<td>Import permit Radioactivity analysis certificate.</td>
<td>Products conform to Tanzania testing requirements.</td>
<td>Animal health and food safety.</td>
<td>Tanzania Veterinary Service and Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority and Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission.</td>
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<td>Fish and Fish products.</td>
<td>Import permit Radioactivity analysis certificate.</td>
<td>Products conform to Tanzania testing requirements.</td>
<td>Food safety.</td>
<td>Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority and Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission.</td>
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<td>Milk and milk products.</td>
<td>Import permit radioactivity analysis certificate.</td>
<td>Products conforms to Tanzania testing requirement.</td>
<td>Food safety.</td>
<td>Tanzania Veterinary Service and Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority and Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission.</td>
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<td>Food, feed, or ingredients containing GE products.</td>
<td>Import permit for products containing GMO.</td>
<td>Product conforms to Tanzania’s Biosafety (import, export, and transit regulations).</td>
<td>Safety of GE products.</td>
<td>Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority.</td>
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Section II: Purpose of Specific Export Certificate

A. Certificate of Conformity (COC)

The Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), which is a statutory organization of the government of Tanzania, implemented the Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity (PVoC) Standards Program to ensure a) that consumers buy safe and quality imported goods, and b) that Tanzanian manufacturers have protection from unfair competition. In September 2018, TBS awarded the PVoC certification services contract to Intertek Government and Trade services. All consignments subject to PVoC must obtain a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) issued by an authorized PVoC Agent, such as Intertek, prior to shipment. The CoC is a mandatory document for Customs Clearance in Tanzania; consignments arriving at Tanzanian Ports without this document will be denied entry into the country.

The key elements undertaken in the PVoC are:

- Physical inspection prior to shipment;
- Sampling, testing and analysis in accredited laboratories;
- Quality Audit of production processes;
- Documentary review of conformity with regulations
- Issuance of CoC or Non Conformity Report (NCR) as appropriate.

B. Radioactivity Analysis Certificate

Ensures food is free from radiation.

C. Phytosanitary Certificate

The Ministry of Agriculture’s Department of Plant Health Services certifies plant and plant products are free from regulated pests and conform to other Phytosanitary requirements of the exporting country.

Section III: Specific Attestation Required On Export Certificate

See table in section I
### Section IV: Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Title of the Certificate</th>
<th>Is the certificate required at entry?</th>
<th>How long is the certificate valid?</th>
<th>Can the certificate be applied on multiple shipments?</th>
<th>Does Tanzania accept suppliers or manufactures export declaration as proof of compliance?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Certificate of Conformity (COC).</td>
<td>Required for all products subject to PVoC.</td>
<td>Three months.</td>
<td>No.</td>
<td>No.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Phytosanitary Certificate.</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
<td>Offered per consignment. It covers shipment period according to the import permit.</td>
<td>No.</td>
<td>No.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plant Import Permit.</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
<td>Offered per consignment. It covers shipment period according to the import permit.</td>
<td>No.</td>
<td>No.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Radioactivity Analysis Certificate.</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
<td>Offered per consignment. It covers shipment period according to the import permit.</td>
<td>No.</td>
<td>No.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Import Permit for GMO Containing Products.</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
<td>Offered per consignment. It covers shipment period according to the import permit.</td>
<td>No.</td>
<td>No.</td>
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### Section V: Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

GoT also requires the following:

- Original pro forma invoice from the supplier of goods;
- Bill of lading or airway bill;
- Certificate of analysis of products (original) if buying from the manufacturer;
- Food security permit;
- Zoo-sanitary certificate (for non-processed food of animal origin);
- Blank certificate of origin depending with the country of origin;
- Certificate of good manufacturing products (GMP); and
- Insurance documents on U.S. exports to Tanzania

Information is available at The [Tanzania National Business Portal](https://www.tanzaniabusinessportal.co.tz/).
Appendix I: Example Certificates

A. Phytosanitary Certificate

FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVES
Plant Protection Division
Plant Quarantine and Phytosanitary Service
P.O. Box 9071
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE
(Under regulation 53)
(To be filled in Quadruplicate)

Plant Protection Service of TANZANIA

No. -------

This is to certify that the plants, parts of plants or plant products described below or representative samples of them were thoroughly examined on ------- by ------ an authorized officer of the Ministry of Agriculture and were found to the best of his/her knowledge to be substantially free from injurious plant pests; and that consignment is believed to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country both as stated in the additional declaration and otherwise.

*Fumigation or disinfection treatment:
Date ------- Duration of Exposure -------
Treatment ------- Chemical and concentration -------

Additional declaration: The ----------------- Plant Protection Regulations have been observed.

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(Signature)

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Inspector-in-charge

Name and address of exporter -----------------
Name and address of consignee -----------------
Number and description of packages -----------------
Last country from which shipment was made -----------------
Distinguishing marks -----------------
Means of conveyance -----------------
Point of entry -----------------

* No liability attached to the Plant Protection Division or any of its officers in respect of this certificate.
B. Radioactivity Analysis Certificate


RADIOACTIVITY ANALYSIS CERTIFICATE
(Issued pursuant to Sections 29, 31, 74 of the Act above for purposes of Export/Import)

Particulars of Consignment as Declared by Exporter/Importer

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS/ARTICLES: 

QUANTITY: 200 METRIC TONS

CONSIGNMENT NO. OR SHIPPING MARK: INVOICE NO.

EXPORTER/SHIPPER: 

CONSIGNEE: 

SHIPPING VESSEL: BY SEA

POINT OF EXIT / ENTRY: DAR ES SALAAM PORT

DESTINATION: INDIA

This is to certify that the above-mentioned Goods/Articles have been analysed in accordance with the IAEA’s Guidelines for food analysis and the results are as follows:

CAESIUM-137: ( Bq/Kg) CAESIUM-134: ( Bq/Kg) IODINE-121: ( Bq/Kg)

COMMENTS: The Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission, on the basis of Atomic Energy Act, No. 7 of 2003, part IV hereby certifies for the purposes of the By-Laws “Control of Radiation Contaminated Foodstuffs, Regulations, 1998” in Tanzania relating to Importation/Exportation of foodstuffs and other related goods that the above specified products/goods are free from artificial radioactive material and therefore fit for human consumption.

Date of Analysis: 

Analysed by: GOODCHANCE MBAYA

Date of Issue:

No financial liability with respect to this certificate shall attach to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission or to any of its Officers or representatives. This Certificate is valid for three (3) months from date of issue.
C. Certificate of Registration of Forest Produce Dealer/Trader

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
THIRTY EIGHT SCHEDULE

Form No. FD 34
(The Forest Regulations, 2004)
(Made under regulation 54(2))

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF FOREST PRODUCE DEALER/TRADER

S/No. ...........................................

Regional Forest Office: ...........................................

Mrs/Name: ...........................................

Who are carrying on business dealing with (Name's forest produce) at (address): ...........................................

They are hereby registered as forest produce dealer/trader under the provisions of section 106 of the Forest Act, 2002. This Certificate of Registration shall expire on 30th June, ...........................................

Date: ...........................................

Name and Signature: ...........................................

Authorized Officer: ...........................................

REGION: ...........................................

APPROVED

Director of Forestry
(Name, Signature and Stamp)

Date: ...........................................

Fees paid Tshs. ...........................................

ERV Receipt No. ...........................................

Dated: ...........................................

CONDITIONS:
1. The holder of this Certificate shall maintain a daily register of stock separately for the forest produce concerned.
2. The stock register shall be produced on demand before any Senior Forestry Officer.
3. The Certificate is not transferable and apply be one site of business.

SCHEDULE C

Prescribed Fees for Registration of Forest Produce Dealers/Traders for each site per year

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<tr>
<th>Category of Dealer/Trader</th>
<th>Annual Fee in Shillings</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 Trees</td>
<td>270,000.00</td>
<td>9 Chipboard mill</td>
<td>1,000,000.00</td>
<td>18 Charcoal</td>
<td>256,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 Timber (For pit sawyers in productive natural forest)</td>
<td>256,000.00</td>
<td>10 Hardboard mill</td>
<td>1,000,000.00</td>
<td>19 Firewood</td>
<td>256,000.00</td>
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<td>3 Timber yard</td>
<td>256,000.00</td>
<td>11 Plywood mill</td>
<td>1,000,000.00</td>
<td>20 Furniture</td>
<td>256,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Logs</td>
<td>256,000.00</td>
<td>12 Polp and paper-mill</td>
<td>2,000,000.00</td>
<td>21 Wood works factory</td>
<td>384,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Poles</td>
<td>256,000.00</td>
<td>13 Match Box Factory</td>
<td>1,000,000.00</td>
<td>22 Carpentry</td>
<td>25,600.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>6 Witches</td>
<td>64,000.00</td>
<td>14 Impregnation Plant</td>
<td>512,000.00</td>
<td>23 Other Forest Products/ Produce Dealers</td>
<td>128,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 Sawmill (capacity of up to 5,000m3/year)</td>
<td>512,000.00</td>
<td>15 Curio shops (Forest Products)</td>
<td>256,000.00</td>
<td>24 Exports of Forest Products</td>
<td>512,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 Sawmill (capacity of up to 5,000-10,000m3/year)</td>
<td>1,000,000.00</td>
<td>16 Exporters of Forest Products</td>
<td>512,000.00</td>
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