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Report Highlights:

This report supplements the FAIRS Annual Country Report for Tanzania and provides essential information about the required certificates for exporting food and agricultural products to mainland Tanzania. The Government of Tanzania facilitates this process through the Tanzania Trade Portal. On this single-window platform, exporters and importers can electronically submit applications and receive approvals from all relevant regulatory agencies involved in international trade. The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar maintains its own regulations impacting imported food products. Those requirements may differ from those described here.

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Disclaimer:

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Executive Summary:

The Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) is the principal body responsible for overseeing the importation and inspection of food products. The organization ensures that all imported agricultural products comply with the relevant standards and regulations to protect consumer health and safety.

This includes thorough inspections and testing of products to prevent the entry of substandard or unsafe goods into the country.

Importers and exporters can access detailed regulations and guidelines through the TBS website and the Tanzania Trade Portal. These platforms provide comprehensive information on the necessary procedures, documentation, and compliance requirements for agricultural imports. The Tanzania Trade Portal serves as a one-stop resource for businesses, offering up-to-date information on trade procedures, licensing, permits, and customs requirements.

For U.S. exporters of food and agricultural products, understanding and adhering to these regulations is crucial for successful market entry and compliance. The detailed information available on the TBS website and the Tanzania Trade Portal provides a clear pathway for meeting these standards, thus facilitating smooth trade operations.

Section I: List of All Export Certificates Required by the Government of Tanzania

Table 1: List of All Major Export Certificates Required by the Government of Tanzania

Product	Title of Certificates	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry (Regulatory Agency)
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Most food products	Certificate of Conformity (COC)	The product conforms to Tanzania's applicable standards	Product quality	Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
All plant products	Plant import permit and phytosanitary certificate. (APHIS Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking System)	For specific product attestation requirements visit the TBS website and the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA)	Plant health	Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA)
Meat and meat products	Meat and meat products import/export certificate (FSIS 9060-5)	For specific product attestation requirements, visit the Tanzania Meat Board and TBS website	Animal health and food safety	Tanzania Veterinary Service, Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority, and Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission
Fish and fish products	Import permit and radioactivity analysis certificate. (NOAA Export Certification Services).	Products conform to Tanzania testing requirements	Food safety	Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority and Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission
Milk and milk products	Import permit and radioactivity analysis certificate. (AMS Dairy Sanitary Certificate).	Products conform to Tanzania's testing requirements	Food safety	Tanzania Veterinary Service, Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority, and Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission

Food, feed, or ingredients containing Genetic Engineered products	Import permit for products containing GMOs	The product conforms to Tanzania’s biosafety regulations	Genetic Engineered content	Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
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Source: Tanzania Bureau of Standards, Tanzania Business Portal, U.S. Government

All goods destined for Tanzania must undergo Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity (PVoC), which entails inspection and testing to ensure compliance with applicable standards and specifications. Upon successful verification, a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued for each consignment.

A CoC is mandatory for all products regulated under the PVoC program, issued on a per-shipment basis, and valid for three months from the date of issuance. The Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) has released the revised list of [regulated HS codes under the 2025](#) update.

Notably, consignments may still be rejected at the port of entry if they fail to meet Tanzania’s standards, even when accompanied by a valid Certificate of Conformity.

Tanzania engages third-party contractors to carry out Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity inspections in countries of origin. The current authorized contractors are [Intertek International](#), [Société Générale de Surveillance \(SGS\)](#), [TUV Rheinland](#), and the [China Certification and Inspection Group Company Limited \(CCIC\)](#). Notably, CCIC’s mandate is restricted to inspections conducted in mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

The PVoC process involves the following activities:

1. Physical inspection before shipment.
2. Sampling, testing, and analysis in accredited laboratories.
3. Quality audit of production processes.
4. Documentary review to ensure conformity with regulations.
5. Issuance of a Certificate of Conformity or a Non-Conformity Report (NCR), as appropriate.

All procedural steps for obtaining a Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity certificate are available on the [Tanzania Bureau of Standards website](#), including a [summarized “PVoC process in 5 steps” guide](#) for importers and exporters.

Section II: Specific Attestation Required on Export Certificate

See Table 1.

Section III: Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

Table 2: Certificates and Related Legal Requirements

Title of the Certificate	Is the certificate required at entry?	How long is the certificate valid?	Can the certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	Does Tanzania accept a supplier's or manufacturer's export declaration as proof of compliance?
Certificate of conformity	Yes	Three months	No	No
Phytosanitary certificate	Yes	Issued per consignment. Each certificate covers the shipment period according to the import permit	No	No
Plant import permit	Yes	Issued per consignment. Each certificate covers the shipment period according to the import permit	No	No
Radioactivity analysis certificate	Yes	Issued per consignment. Each certificate covers the shipment period according to the import permit	No	No
Import permit for GMO products	Yes	Issued per consignment. Each certificate covers the shipment period according to the import permit	No	No
Meat import permit	Yes	Issued per consignment. Each certificate covers the shipment period according to the import permit	No	No

Source: Tanzania Bureau of Standards, and Tanzania Business Portal

Section IV: Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements/ US Radiation

In addition to the required certificates, the Government of Tanzania (GoT) mandates the submission of the following documents for imported goods:

1. **Pro-forma Invoice** – Preliminary invoice detailing the goods and transaction terms.
2. **Bill of Lading / Airway Bill** – Transport document confirming shipment and ownership.
3. **Original Certificate of Analysis** – Laboratory report verifying product composition and compliance.
4. **Food Import Permit** – Issued by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) through the Tanzania Customs Integrated System (TANCIS).
5. **Zoo-Sanitary Certificate** – Tanzania accepts USDA certificates for most live animals and animal products; exporters should confirm current requirements with FAS Tanzania.
6. **Certificate of Origin** – Tanzania recognizes certificates issued by U.S. states or municipal governments; exporters must coordinate with Tanzanian importers to ensure validity.
7. **Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)** – Confirms adherence to recognized production standards.
8. **Radioactivity Attestation** – Mandatory declaration confirming goods are free from harmful levels of radioactivity.
9. **Insurance Documents** – Proof of insurance coverage for goods in transit.

Additional information is available at the [Tanzania Trade Portal](#).

The Tanzania Meat Board issues clearance certificates to regulate the meat industry and ensure compliance with market standards. In addition, the Veterinary Services Department (DVS) administers import and export permits to safeguard against animal diseases and maintain biosecurity controls.

Attachments:

No Attachments