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Report Highlights:

This report complements the FAIRS Country Report. The report specifically provides information on required certificates from the Government of Tanzania (GoT) 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.

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Disclaimer:

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Executive Summary:

The Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), implements a product conformity assessment for the control of certain categories of imported consumer goods. Tanzania's food regulatory system is generally consistent with the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international treaties including CODEX, World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). The main regulations against which TBS evaluates U.S. exports to Tanzania are available on the [TBS website](#) or [Tanzania National Business Portal](#)

TBS is responsible for all matters concerning the importation and inspection of imported food products. To obtain a Food Importer Registration Certificate (FIRC), imported products must satisfy the Tanzanian import requirements as evaluated by TBS. Before applying for permission to import non-registered products, pre-shipment samples must be analyzed with the cost being incurred by the importer as prescribed in the Charges Regulations. Additional information is available on the Tanzania Bureau of Standards website.

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

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry(Regulatory Agency)
Almost all food and food products.	Certificate of Conformity (COC).	Product conforms to Tanzania's applicable standards in priority order.	Ensures only quality goods gain entry, thereby offering the necessary protection to consumers in safety, health, and environmental matters.	Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).
All forest products.	Plant import permit Phytosanitary certificate	For specific product attestation, requirements visit the TBS website and the Ministry of Agriculture website .	Plant and Animal Health.	Ministry of Agriculture (Plant Health Services).
Meat and meat products.		Products conform to Tanzania testing requirements.	Animal health and food safety.	Tanzania Veterinary Service and Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority and Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission.
Fish and Fish products.	Import permit Radioactivity analysis certificate.	Products conform to Tanzania testing requirements.	Food safety.	Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority and Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission.
Milk and milk products.	Import permit radioactivity analysis certificate.	Products conform to Tanzania's testing requirement.	Food safety.	Tanzania Veterinary Service and Tanzania Food and Drugs. Authority and Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission
Food, feed, or ingredients containing GE products.	Import permit for products containing GMO.	Product conforms to Tanzania's Biosafety regulations.	Safety of GE products.	Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)

Section II: Purpose of Specific Export Certificate

A. Certificate of Conformity (COC)

The Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) implements a product conformity assessment for the control of certain categories of imported consumer goods. Before shipping to Tanzania, all consignments subject to a pre-shipment verification of conformity (PVoC) must obtain mandatory customs clearance documents and a certificate of conformity (CoC), or the commodities arriving at Tanzanian ports will be rejected or fined. The PVoC is carried out by authorized third-party agencies, consisting of a physical inspection with a combination of laboratory testing, documentary review, and factory audits, where necessary.

Key Benefits

- Protects consumers' health, safety, and security.
- Blocks unfair competition from substandard imports.
- Facilitates customs clearance.
- Eliminates destruction or re-exporting costs for substandard goods.
- Prevents Tanzania from being a dumping ground for substandard goods

The PVoC program started in 2012 and runs on a 3-year contract basis. The program is currently run by four inspection companies appointed by TBS. These companies include SGS, Intertek International, Bureau Veritas, and CCIC. Intertek International, SGS, and Bureau Veritas' contracts run from 2018 to 2021. CCIC's contract runs from 2016 to 2021 and is only for inspection in Mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

The key elements undertaken in the PVoC are:

- Physical inspection before 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.

Summarized PVoC Procedures

1. Inspection Order: Request for Certificate (RFC)

A Request for Certification containing details of the intended importation is submitted by the importer to TBS Service Provider (PVoC contractor) for each transaction subject to the PVoC program.

2. TBS service provider sends a notice to the exporter requesting when/where the goods will be ready for inspection and the following information

- A. Technical details of the products,
- B. Available conformity documentary evidence, such as:
 - i. Third-party Certificate of Conformity to relevant standards (Tanzanian, EAC, Regional, International standards or Manufacturer Specification)
 - ii. Third-party test reports from an accredited laboratory

3. Document Check

The service provider evaluates all the information provided by the exporter to verify whether the product complies with product standard specifications. If proof of conformity is insufficient for compliance, samples will be taken for control testing in an accredited laboratory.

4. Physical Verification

The objective of physical verification is to ensure that:

- A. The goods to be shipped are those identified in the documentary checks;
- B. The goods comply with the relevant standards;
- C. The goods comply with the importer's inspection order.
- D. If in any doubt, the inspector will take samples for control testing in an accepted laboratory.

Critical non - conformities will result in a rejection of shipment and Non-Conformity Report issuance.

NOTE: Inspection, witness loading, and sealing of containers for routes A, B, and C shall be conducted for all high-risk products as per the approved risk matrix.

5. Certificate of Conformity issuance

With a satisfactory inspection report, conformity documents, and/or laboratory control test reports, the service provider evaluates the compliance of the products with the required Standards. If full compliance is established, a Certificate of Conformity (COC) is issued.

6. CoC Collection

Exporter or Importer collects the CoC from the PVoC service provider.

7. Importer submit the CoC to TBS Imports Office for authentication/validation

Original CoC is submitted to TBS by the importer accompanied with shipping documents (Bill of lading/Airway bill/ Road Consignment Note, commercial invoice, TRA assessment document), valid TBS registration certificate for food and cosmetic products/ TMDA registration Certificate through Online Application System (<https://oas.tbs.go.tz/>) for authentication.

8. Clearance of the consignment at the port of entry using the authenticated Certificate of Conformity.

Please visit:

- 1. PVoC Certification Procedure
- 2. Regulated HS Codes under the PVoC Programme
- 3. Applicable Penalty for Uninspected Consignments under PVoC Programme
- 4. Exemptions under PVoC

Destination Inspection (DI)

Destination Inspection is focused on the conformity assessment of imported goods after arrival in the country. This applies to all goods in the destination inspection compulsory list and goods that were imported without a CoC under the PVoC program.

- i. [Compulsory List of the HS Codes](#)
- ii. [Procedure for the Clearance of General Good Regulated under Destination Inspections](#)

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 the table in section I

Section IV: Government Certificate Legal Entry 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 suppliers or manufactures export declaration as proof of compliance?
Certificate of Conformity (COC).	Required for all products subject to PVoC.	Three months.	No.	No.
Phytosanitary Certificate.	Yes.	Offered per consignment. It covers the shipment period according to the import permit.	No.	No.
Plant Import Permit.	Yes.	Offered per consignment. It covers the shipment period according to the import permit.	No.	No.
Radioactivity Analysis Certificate.	Yes.	Offered per consignment. It covers the shipment period according to the import permit.	No.	No.
Import Permit for GMO Containing Products.	Yes.	Offered per consignment. It covers the shipment period according to the import permit	No.	No.

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 on 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](#).

Appendix I: Example Certificates

A. Phytosanitary Certificate

FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE

PQS 4

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.

.....
(Signature)

.....
(Official stamp)

*Delete as required

.....
Inspector-in-charge

DESCRIPTION OF CONSIGNMENT

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

Quantity and name of product

Botanical name

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

Radioactivity Analysis Certificate

TANZANIA ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
(Official Government body responsible for Atomic Energy Matters)

Telephone: +255 27 2976050/51/52/53
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Tel/Fax: +255 27 2970054
E-mail: official@taec.or.tz
Website: http://www.taec.or.tz



P.O. Box 743
ARUSHA
TANZANIA

Reference NO: [TAEC/ENVI-] Sample Mark: [RAC 84046/2017]

THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT, No. 7, 2003 CONTROL OF RADIATION CONTAMINATED FOODSTUFFS) REGULATIONS, 1998
RADIOACTIVITY ANALYSIS CERTIFICATE
(Issued pursuant to Sections 30, 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: { BDL } Bq/Kg	CAESIUM-134: { BDL } Bq/Kg:	IODINE-131: { BDL } Bq/Kg:
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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: (Official Stamp)  Analysed by: GOODCHANCE MBOYA

Checked by: 

Authorization: 

Date of Issue:  Signature: FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL

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.

Certificate of Registration of Forest Produce Dealer/Trader

ORIGINAL



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

THIRTY EIGHT SCHEDULE

Form No. FD. 34

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(The Forest Regulations, 2004)
(Made under regulation 54(2))

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF FOREST PRODUCE DEALER/TRADER

S/No.

Regional Forest Office:

M (Name):

Who is/are carrying on business dealing with (Name/s forest produce) at (address).....Is/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

Category of Dealer/Trader	Annual Fee in Shillings	Category of Dealer/Trader	Annual Fee in Shillings	Category of Dealer/Trader	Annual Fee in Shillings
1 Trees	270,000.00	9 Chipboard mill	1,000,000.00	17 Importers of Forest Products	512,000.00
2 Timber (For pit sawyers in productive natural forest)	256,000.00	10 Hardboard mill	1,000,000.00	18 Charcoal	256,000.00
3 Timber yard	256,000.00	11 Plywood mill	1,000,000.00	19 Firewood	256,000.00
4 Logs	256,000.00	12 Pulp and paper-mill	2,000,000.00	20 Furniture	256,000.00
5 Poles	256,000.00	13 Match Box Factory	1,000,000.00	21 Wood works factory	384,000.00
6 Withies	64,000.00	14 Impregnation Plant	512,000.00	22 Carpentry	25,600.00
7 Sawmill (capacity of up to 5,000m ³ /year)	512,000.00	15 Curo shops (Forest Products)	256,000.00	23 Other forest Products/Produce Dealers	128,000.00
8 Sawmill (capacity of up to 5,001-10,000m ³ /year)	1,000,000.00	16 Exporters of Forest Products	512,000.00		

Government Printer Dar

Attachments:

No Attachments