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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:

This report was prepared by the Office of Agricultural Affairs in Dar es Salaam for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While all possible care has been taken in the preparation of this report, the information provided may not be completely accurate either because policies have changed since its preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these policies was not available. It is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities before any goods are shipped. Please note that final import approval of any product is subject to the importing country's rules and regulations as interpreted by border officials at the time of product entry.

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, in particular, 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)
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	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	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	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	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)

Source: Tanzania Bureau of Standards, Tanzania Business Portal

Before shipping to Tanzania, all consignments must undergo pre-shipment verification of conformity (PVoC). Through the PVoC process, goods are inspected and tested to ensure they comply with relevant standards and specifications before being shipped to Tanzania. If the goods meet Tanzania's standards, they are issued a Certificate of Conformity (CoC). All PVoC-regulated goods must obtain a CoC prior to export, which is issued on a per-consignment basis. Tanzania Bureau of Standards has published [the revised PVoC regulated HS codes version 2023](#). The CoC is valid for three months after issuance. However, the Tanzania Bureau of Standards may reject consignments with a CoC if the shipment does not conform to Tanzania's standards upon arrival at the port of entry.

Tanzania employs third-party contractors to conduct PVoC inspections. Currently, [Intertek International](#), [Bureau Veritas](#), [Société Générale de Surveillance \(SGS\)](#), [TUV-Rheinland](#), and the [China Certification and Inspection Group Company Limited \(CCIC\)](#) are the contractors responsible for these inspections in origin countries. It's important to note that CCIC's contract is only valid for inspections 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.

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

In addition to the aforementioned certificates, the Government of Tanzania (GoT) requires the following documents for imported products:

1. Pro-forma invoice.
2. A bill of lading or airway bill.
3. An original certificate of analysis.

4. Food Import Permit: Apply for an import permit from the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) through the [Tanzania Customs Integrated System](#).
5. Zoo-Sanitary Certificate: Tanzania accepts USDA certificates for most live animals and animal products. Exporters should contact FAS Tanzania for the current export certificate requirements.
6. Certificate of Origin: Tanzania accepts most certificates of origin issued by U.S. states or municipal governments. Exporters should work closely with Tanzania importers to confirm the validity of their certificate.
7. Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practices.
8. The Tanzania government does require attestation of radioactivity for imports.
9. Insurance Documents.

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

Tanzania's Meat Board issues clearance certificates to regulate the meat industry market. Additionally, the Veterinary Services Department (DVS) provides import and export permits to control animal diseases.

Appendix I: Example Certificates

Radioactivity Analysis Certificate

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

Telephone: +255 27 2976050/51/52/53
Cellphone: +255 754 36122 (HDG)
Tel/Fax: +255 27 2976054
E-mail: official@taec.or.tz
Website: http://www.taec.or.tz

P.O. Box 743
ARUSHA
TANZANIA

Reference NO: [TAEC/ENVA] 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. [REDACTED]
EXPORTER/SHIPPER:	[REDACTED]
CONSIGNEE:	[REDACTED]
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:

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: [REDACTED] Analysed by: GOODCHANCE MBOYA

(Official Stamp) [REDACTED] Checked by: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Authorization: [REDACTED]

Date of Issue: [REDACTED] Designation: 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/s(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 Curio 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		

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Import or Export Certificate for Livestock or Meat Products

Meat Industry (Import and Export of Livestock, Meat and Meat Products)

G.N. No. 140 (contd.)

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Made under regulation 4(5))

IMPORT OR EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR LIVESTOCK OR MEAT OR MEAT PRODUCTS

REF No. _____
Expiry Date _____
Date of issue _____

IMPORT/EXPORT CERTIFICATE

This is to clear the import/export of the listed products from/to _____ country as indicated in the application form and invoice/contract No. _____ of _____ (Date) from _____ (Company Name), Address _____

Details of the products.

No.	Product	Specie	Quantity	Value USD
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Name _____ Signature _____ Position _____ Date: _____
Official Stamp

Notices

- The certificate shall be used for one consignment only.
- The certificate shall not be transferable.
- The certificate shall not be used after expiry date.
- The consignment shall consist only type and quantity of livestock, meat and meat products allowed or cleared for.
- The consignment must be cleared and inspected at the port of entry or exit.
- False, missing information and forgery or cheating shall lead to repeal of the certificate and or prosecution.

Dar es Salaam
29th April, 2014

TITUS D. KAMANI,
Minister for Livestock and Fisheries
Development

Attachments:

No Attachments