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THE STANDARDS ACT,
(CAP. 130)

REGULATIONS

(Made under section 36(1))

THE STANDARDS (IMPORTS REGISTRATION AND BATCH CERTIFICATION)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2025

Citation 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Standards
(Imports Registration and Batch Certification)
GN. No. (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 and shall be read as one
681 of 2021 with the Standards (Imports Registration and Batch
Certification) Regulations, 2021, hereinafter referred to as
the “principal Regulations”.

Amendment of regulation 2 2. The principal Regulations are amended in
regulation 2 by-

- (a) deleting the word “contractor” appearing in the
definition of the term “certificate of
conformity” and substituting for it the words
“service provider”; and
- (b) adding in the appropriate alphabetical order the
following new definition:
“service provider” means a person
who has been authorised,
contracted or engaged by the
Bureau to conduct pre-
shipment verification of
conformity to standards;”.

Amendment of regulation 3 3. The principal Regulations are amended in
regulation 3 by-

- (a) adding immediately after subregulation (3) the
following:
“(4) Where commodities have

a definite shelf life, the Bureau shall, before issuing an import clearance permit, batch certificate or certificate of conformity, determine that the commodities have a defined and marked shelf life of at least-

- (a) 75% of the remaining shelf life from the date of manufacture, in the case of food products at the port of entry or, in the case of food products with a shelf-life of more than 18 months, at least 12 months at the port of entry; and
 - (b) 50% of the remaining shelf life from the date of manufacture, for all other commodities.”; and
- (b) renumbering subregulations (4) and (5) as subregulations (5) and (6) respectively.

Amendment of
regulation 11

4. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 11 by-

- (a) adding immediately after subregulation (2) the following:

"(3) An application for batch certificate in respect of fertilizer and other raw materials whose final products have been certified by the Bureau, shall not be subjected to batch certification fees.”; and

- (b) renumbering subregulation (3) as subregulation (4).

Amendment of
regulation 14

5. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulation 14.

Amendment of
regulation 15

6. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 15(2) by adding the words "or service provider"

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immediately after the word "Director General" appearing in the opening phrase.

Deletion and
substitution of
regulation 17

7. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulation 17 and substituting for it the following:

“Conditions
for pre-
shipment
verification

17.-(1) An importer shall, prior to shipment of commodities and products provided in the list published under regulation 16, ensure that such commodities and products are inspected under the pre-shipment verification of conformity to standards programme.

(2) Without prejudice to subregulation (1), a service provider shall conduct pre-shipment inspection of commodities and products as per the requirements provided by the Bureau.

(3) An importer shall ensure that food and cosmetic products are registered by the Bureau before submitting to the service provider for pre-shipment inspection save for non-prepacked food.

(4) The service provider shall issue-

- (a) a certificate of conformity or certificate of roadworthiness to products or commodities conforming with the applicable national standards or international standards or foreign standards recognised by the Bureau; or
- (b) a non-conforming report for non-conforming commodities or products.

(5) The importer shall, in two weeks before the arrival of the consignment, submit to the Bureau the following documents:

- (a) certificate of conformity or certificate of roadworthiness;
- (b) shipping documents including bill of lading or airway bill or road consignment note;
- (c) invoice;
- (d) tax assessment document;
- (e) packing list; and
- (f) any other documents as the Bureau may require.

(6) The Bureau shall review the submitted documents to verify the authenticity and inspect the consignment.

(7) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) shall be liable to a penalty by the Bureau to the tune of 15% of the total invoice value of the PVoC-regulated commodities or products including used motor vehicles, as assessed by Tanzania Revenue Authority.

(8) Subject to subregulation (7) the consignment shall be subjected to destination inspection by the Bureau.

(9) Upon being satisfied that the documents and consignment comply with the requirements as prescribed, the Bureau shall endorse certificate of conformity or certificate of roadworthiness for customs release.”.

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Amendment of
regulation 18

8. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 18 by-

(a) adding immediately after subregulation (4) the following:

"(5) Notwithstanding subregulation (4), where it is proved that the applicant previously breached conditions attached with conditional release issued to him, the Director General may refuse to grant conditional release."; and

(b) renumbering subregulations (5) and (6) as subregulations (6) and (7) respectively.

Amendment of
Second
Schedule

9. The principal Regulations are amended in the Second Schedule by-

(a) deleting Form No. 8; and

(b) renaming Form No. 9, 10 and 11 as Form No. 8, 9 and 10.

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