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THE FOOD SECURITY ACT,
(CAP. 249)

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THE FOOD SECURITY (REGISTRATION, PERMITS AND LICENSING) REGULATIONS, 2026

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(Made under section 42)

THE FOOD SECURITY (REGISTRATION, PERMITS AND LICENSING) REGULATIONS, 2026

PART I
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Food Security (Registration, Permits and Licensing) Regulations, 2026.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

"Authority" means the Cereal and Other Produce Regulatory Authority established under the Act;

"dealer" means a person who is engaged in the business of procuring, processing, importation, exporting, distribution or sale of cereals or other produce;

"large scale producer" means a person who produces cereals or other produce on a parcel of land exceeding twenty acres;

"medium scale producer" means a person who produces cereals or other produce on a parcel of land of not less than ten acres but not more than twenty acres;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for agriculture;

"other produce" means agricultural produce as may be gazetted by the Minister to be regulated under the Act;

"processor" means a person who converts or transforms, on a commercial scale, any cereal or other produce regulated under the Act into a finished or semi-finished product;

"producer" means a person who grows cereals or other produce;

"small scale producer" means a person who produces cereals or other produce on a parcel of land not exceeding ten acres;

"trader" means a person who, as a broker, dealer, marketing company or other purchaser, acquires any cereals or other produce from a producer or any other person through purchase or otherwise for the purpose of resale; and

"warehouse" means a building, erection or receptacle whatsoever used for storage or for any other activity connected with the handling of cereals or other produce.

PART II
REGISTRATION

Registration

3. A person who deals in cereals or other produce as a producer, trader, processor or warehouse owner shall apply for registration to the Authority.

Registration of producer

4.-(1) A producer shall apply to the Authority for registration by filling Form No. 1 set out in the First Schedule accompanied by-

(a) proof of payment of the application fee set out in the Second Schedule;

(b) in the case of a company, cooperative society or association, a valid certificate of registration or incorporation; and

(c) in the case of an individual, a copy of a National Identity Card or any other recognised form of identification.

(2) The Authority shall, upon registration, issue the applicant with a certificate of registration of a producer in Form No. 2 set out in the First Schedule.

Registration of trader

5.-(1) A trader who-

(a) possesses a valid business licence for cereals and

other produce issued by the relevant authority; and

(b) trades annually at least thirty metric tonnes or whose annual gross turnover is not less than fifty million shillings, in case of a purchaser or a seller who is not a producer,

shall apply to the Authority for registration by filling Form No. 3 set out in the First Schedule.

(2) An application under this regulation shall be accompanied by-

(a) a certificate of registration or incorporation in the case of a company, cooperative society or association;

(b) a National Identity Card or any other recognised form of identification in the case of an individual;

(c) a valid business licence;

(d) a Taxpayer Identification Number; and

(e) proof of payment of the application fee set out in the Second Schedule.

(3) The Authority shall, upon registration, issue the applicant with a certificate of registration of a trader in Form No. 4 set out in the First Schedule.

Registration of warehouse owner

6.-(1) A person who owns a warehouse for storage of cereals or other produce with a capacity of five metric tons or above shall apply to the Authority for registration by filling Form No. 5 set out in the First Schedule accompanied by-

(a) a certificate of registration or incorporation in the case of a company, cooperative society or association;

(b) a National Identity Card or any other recognised form of identification in the case of an individual;

(c) a valid business licence;

(d) a Taxpayer Identification Number; and

(e) proof of payment of the application fee set out in the Second Schedule.

(2) The Authority shall, upon registration, issue the applicant with a certificate of registration of the warehouse owner in Form No. 6 set out in the First Schedule.

(3) The owner of a warehouse shall ensure that the

warehouse meets all applicable safety requirements and standards issued by the relevant authorities.

Deregistration

7.-(1) The Authority may deregister a person registered under these Regulations where-

(a) such person is dead;

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(b) such person is a company and is wound up in accordance with the Companies Act;

(c) the registration was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation;

(d) the business licence or certificate of registration on the basis of which the registration was made has been cancelled or terminated; or

(e) there is any other reasonable cause relating to the eligibility of the person to remain registered under the Act or these Regulations.

(2) The Authority shall, before deregistration, notify the registered person in writing and require that person, within fourteen days from the date of receipt of the notice, to show cause why the name of that person should not be removed from the register.

(3) The Authority may, upon expiration of the period specified under subregulation (2) or where after considering any representation made by the registered person sufficient cause has not been shown, remove the name of that person from the register.

PART III
ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND LICENCES

Export permit

8.-(1) A registered dealer who intends to export cereals or other produce shall apply to the Authority for an export permit by filling Form No. 7 set out in the First Schedule accompanied by-

(a) a copy of the registration certificate issued by the Authority;

(b) a copy of a valid business licence issued by the relevant authority;

(c) a copy of the cargo invoice or sales contract;

(d) an electronic receipt for payment of crop levy issued by the relevant local government authority;
(e) proof of shipment made under a previous permit, where the applicant has previously been issued with an export permit; and
(f) any other relevant information as may be required by the Authority, upon submission of the application.

(2) An export permit shall be issued in respect of a single consignment.

(3) The Authority shall, upon satisfaction of the requirements under these Regulations, issue the applicant with an export permit in Form No. 8 set out in the First Schedule.

(4) Notwithstanding subregulation (3), the Authority shall, before issuing an export permit for wheat, barley or grape concentrate, seek the approval of the Minister in accordance with the Act.

Import permit

9.-(1) A registered dealer who intends to import cereals or other produce shall apply to the Authority for an import permit by filling Form No. 7 set out in the First Schedule accompanied by-

(a) a copy of the registration certificate issued by the Authority;
(b) a copy of a valid business licence issued by the relevant authority;
(c) a phytosanitary certificate from the exporting country;
(d) a certificate declaring the absence of genetically modified organisms from the country of origin or export, where applicable; and
(e) any other relevant information as may be required by the Authority upon submission of the application.

(2) An import permit shall be issued in respect of a single consignment.

(3) The Authority shall, upon satisfaction of the requirements under these Regulations, issue the applicant

with an import permit in Form No. 9 set out in the First Schedule.

(4) Notwithstanding subregulation (3), the Authority shall, before issuing an import permit for wheat, barley or grape concentrate, seek the approval of the Minister in accordance with the Act.

Purchase permit

10.-(1) A registered dealer who intends to purchase cereals or other produce shall apply to the Authority for a purchase permit by filling Form No. 7 set out in the First Schedule accompanied by-

(a) proof of payment of the application fee specified in the Second Schedule;
(b) a copy of the registration certificate issued by the Authority;
(c) a copy of a valid business licence issued by the relevant authority;
(d) a copy of a three-month bank statement;
(e) a declaration of the areas of purchase; and
(f) any other relevant information as may be required by the Authority upon submission of the application.

(2) A purchase permit shall be issued in respect of the harvest season of the respective cereal or other produce.

(3) The Authority shall, upon satisfaction of the requirements under these Regulations, issue the applicant with a purchase permit in Form No. 10 set out in the First Schedule.

Transport permit

11.-(1) A registered dealer who intends to transport cereals or other produce within the country shall apply for a transport permit by filling Form No. 7 set out in the First Schedule accompanied by-

(a) a copy of the registration certificate issued by the Authority;
(b) a copy of a valid business licence issued by the relevant authority;
(c) particulars of the cereals or other produce, quantity, source and destination; and

(d) any other relevant information as may be required by the Authority upon submission of the application.

(2) The Authority shall, upon satisfaction of the requirements under these Regulations, issue the applicant with a transport permit in Form No. 11 set out in the First Schedule.

Validity of permit

12. A permit issued under these Regulations shall be valid for the period specified in the permit, which shall in any case, not exceed one year from the date of issuance.

Warehouse licence

13.-(1) A person who intends to operate a registered warehouse for storage of cereals or other produce for commercial purposes shall apply to the Authority for a licence by filling Form No. 12 set out in the First Schedule.

(2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by-

(a) a copy of the registration certificate or registration number issued by the Authority;

(b) a copy of a valid business licence issued by the relevant authority; and

(c) any other relevant information as may be required by the Authority upon submission of the application.

(3) The Authority shall, upon satisfaction of the requirements under the Act and these Regulations, issue the applicant with a licence in Form No. 13 set out in the First Schedule.

(4) A licence issued under this regulation shall be valid for a period of one year and shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified in the licence.

(5) A licensee shall submit to the Authority statistical information on the stocks of cereals or other produce handled or held by the licensee in such manner and at such intervals as the Authority may determine.

Prohibition to transfer permit,

14. A permit holder, licensee or registered person shall not assign, sell or otherwise transfer the permit, licence or

licence or registration

registration to another person.

Grounds for cancellation or suspension of licence or permit

15. The Authority may cancel or suspend a licence or permit where it is satisfied that-

(a) the licence or permit was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation;
(b) the holder has breached any term or condition of the licence or permit;
(c) the licence or permit has been transferred to another person;
(d) the holder has contravened the provisions of the Act or these Regulations; or
(e) the business licence or certificate of registration on the basis of which the licence or permit was issued has been cancelled or terminated.

Assessment of demand

16.-(1) The Authority shall, annually or whenever it deems necessary, conduct an assessment of the domestic demand for cereals or other produce.

(2) The assessment under subregulation (1) shall form the basis for determining the quantity of cereals or other produce that may be imported or exported.

Appeal

17.-(1) A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Authority to cancel or suspend a licence may, within sixty days from the date of the decision, appeal to the Minister in writing, stating the grounds of appeal, attaching a copy of the decision and serving a copy of the appeal on the Authority.

(2) The Authority shall, upon receipt of a copy of the appeal, submit to the Minister, within seven days, such explanatory statement as may be required and shall serve a copy of the statement on the appellant.

(3) The Minister shall determine the appeal within thirty days from the date of receipt of the Authority's explanatory statement.

PART IV
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Determination, grant or refusal of application

18.-(1) The Authority shall, within fourteen days from the date of receipt of a complete application under these Regulations, determine the application.

(2) Where the Authority is satisfied that the application complies with the requirements prescribed under the Act and these Regulations, it shall issue a registration certificate, permit or licence, as the case may be, to the applicant.

(3) Where the Authority is not satisfied that the application complies with the requirements prescribed under the Act and these Regulations, it shall refuse the application and communicate the decision and reasons for the refusal to the applicant within seven days from the date of the decision.

(4) The Authority may require the applicant to resubmit the application after rectifying any defect within fourteen days from the date on which the applicant is notified of the defect.

Perusal of register and extracts

19.-(1) A person may, upon payment of the prescribed fees -

(a) request to inspect the register maintained by the Authority

(b) request and be given an extract from the register.

Fees

20.-(1) Application fees or any other payments required to be paid to the Authority under these Regulations shall be paid at the rates prescribed in the Second Schedule.

(2) Fees paid under these Regulations shall be non-refundable.

Procedure for cancellation or suspension

21.-(1) Where the Authority intends to cancel or suspend a licence or permit under regulation 15, it shall issue to the holder a written notice stating the grounds for the intended cancellation or suspension and requiring the holder, within fourteen days from the date of receipt of the notice, to show cause why the licence or permit should not be cancelled

or suspended.

(2) The Authority shall, upon expiration of the period specified under subregulation (1) or where after considering any representation made by the holder sufficient reasons have not been adduced, decide whether to cancel or suspend the licence or permit and shall communicate its decision and reasons to the holder.

(3) A holder of a cancelled licence or permit shall, immediately after cancellation, surrender the licence or permit to the Authority.

Collaboration with other authorities

22. The Authority may collaborate with local government authorities or any other relevant authority in the performance of functions relating to-

(a) registration of a producer, trader, processor or warehouse owner;
(b) issuance of an import, export, purchase or transport permit;
(c) licensing of activities regulated under the Act; or
(d) any other matter as the Authority may determine.

General penalty

23. A person who contravenes these Regulations commits an offence and shall, where no specific penalty is provided under the Act, on conviction be liable to the general penalty prescribed under section 37 of the Act.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Made under regulations 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13)

FORM No. 1

APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTRATION AS A PRODUCER OF CEREALS OR OTHER PRODUCE

(To be filled in duplicate)

1. Full name of applicant: ……
2. Identification (NIDA, Voter ID, Passport, Licence, etc.): ……
3. Address: …… Email: …… Telephone Number: ……
4. Business Name (if different from above): ……
5. Business Location:
   Plot Number ……
   Street ……..…… Ward ……..……
   District ……..… Region ……..……
   GPS Coordinates ……
6. Type of cereals or other produce (tick as appropriate):
   ☐ Cereals
   ☐ Other Produce
   ☐ Both
7. Type of crop or other produce and land details:
   Crop type …… Area planted (Acres) ……
8. Land Ownership: ☐ Owned
   ☐ Leased
   ☐ Other ……
9. Type of registration (tick as appropriate):

☐ Individual ☐ Cooperative ☐ Association/Society ☐ Partnership ☐ Company ☐ Public Institution

Other: ……..……

DECLARATION

I, ..., hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the Applicant: ..... Date: .....

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Application Received By: ..... Date: .....

Remarks:.....
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Signature and Stamp: .....

FORM No. 2

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A PRODUCER

This is to certify that ……, of …… has been duly registered with registration number …… as a producer of …… in accordance with the Food Security Act, Cap. 249.

The producer shall produce in …… Ward, …… District, …… Region, at an area with GPS coordinates …… .

Issued on this …… day of ……, 20…… .

Name and Signature: ……
Director General

QR Code

FORM No. 3

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CEREALS OR OTHER PRODUCE TRADER

(To be filled in duplicate)

1. Full name of applicant: ……
2. Identification (National ID, Voter ID, Passport, Licence, etc.): ……
3. Address: …… Email: …… Telephone Number: ……
4. Business Name (if different from above): ……
5. Business Location:
   Plot Number ……..……
   Street ……
   Ward ……..…
   District ……..…
   Region ……..…
   GPS Coordinates ……..…
6. Category (tick as appropriate):
   ☐ Trader
7. Type of trader/activity (tick as appropriate):
   ☐ Broker ☐ Dealer ☐ Marketing Company ☐ Purchaser
8. Type of trader/activity (tick as appropriate):
   ☐ Buying ☐ Selling ☐ Importation
   ☐ Exportation ☐ Transportation
9. Type of registration:
   ☐ Individual ☐ Cooperative ☐ Association/Society
   ☐ Partnership ☐ Company ☐ Public Institution
   ☐ Other …….

DECLARATION

I, ..., hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the Applicant: ..... Date: .....

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Application Received By: ..... Date: .....

Remarks:

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Signature and Stamp: .....

FORM No. 4

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A TRADER

This is to certify that ……, of …… has been duly registered with registration number …… as a traderof …… in accordance with the Food Security Act, Cap. 249.

The registered person is authorised, subject to obtaining the licence or permit required under the Act, to undertake the following activity or activities: …… .

Issued on this …… day of ……, 20…… .

Name and Signature: ……
Director General

QR Code

FORM No. 5

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF WAREHOUSE OWNER

(To be filled in duplicate)

1. Full name of applicant: ……
2. Address: …… Email: …… Telephone Number: ……
3. Trading Name (if different from above):
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4. Business Location:
   Plot Number ……..……
   Street ……
   Ward ……..……
   District ……..
   Region ……
   GPS Coordinates:……
5. Capacity of the warehouse:
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6. Type of ownership of the warehouse:
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7. Operator of the warehouse (Name):
……
8. Type of cereals or other produce to be stored (list):
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9. Is the warehouse registered with any other authority? (Yes/No): …… If yes, state the authority and purpose: ……

DECLARATION

I, ..., hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the Applicant: ..... Date: .....

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Application Received By: ..... Date: .....

Remarks:
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Signature and Stamp: .....

FORM No. 6

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF WAREHOUSE OWNER

This is to certify that …… of …… has been duly registered as a warehouse owner with registration number …… in accordance with the Food Security Act, Cap. 249.

The warehouse shall be used for storage of …… (list cereals or other produce) in …… Ward, …… District, …… Region, at a location with GPS coordinates …… .

Issued on this …… day of ……, 20…… .

Name and Signature: ……
Director General

QR Code

FORM No. 7

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO IMPORT, EXPORT, PURCHASE OR TRANSPORT CEREALS OR OTHER PRODUCE

☐ Import Permit ☐ Export Permit ☐ Purchase Permit ☐ Transport Permit

(tick appropriately according to the application)

1. Full name of applicant: ……
2. Address: …… Email: …… Telephone Number: ……
3. Business Name (if different from above): ……
4. Business Location:
   - Plot Number ……
   - Street ……
   - Ward ……
   - District ……
   - Region ……
5. Type of cereal or other produce (Pulses / Root Crops / Oilseeds and Nuts / Horticultural Produce): …… Quantity (kg/tonnes): ……
6. Perishable produce (Yes/No): ……
7. Grade of produce: ……
8. Country of origin (import) / destination (export): ……
9. Entry/exit point or transport route: ……
10. Area of purchase (in case of purchase permit): ……

DECLARATION

I, ..., hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the Applicant: ..... Date: .....

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Application Received By: ..... Date: .....

Remarks:

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Signature and Stamp: .....

FORM No. 8

EXPORT PERMIT

Permit No.: .....

This permit is granted to ……., of …… trading as …… authorising the holder to export the cereals or other produce specified below in accordance with the Food Security Act, Cap. 249.

No.	Description of cereals or other produce	Quantity (kg/tonnes)	Specification / HS Code

Port / Airport / Border Point of Exit: .....

Country of destination: .....

This permit is valid from …… to …… .

Issued on this …… day of ……, 20…… .

Name and Signature: ……
Director General

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FORM No. 9

IMPORT PERMIT

Permit No.: .....

This permit is granted to ……., of …… trading as …… authorising the holder to import the cereals or other produce specified below in accordance with the Food Security Act, Cap. 249.

No.	Description of cereals or other produce	Quantity (kg/tonnes)	Specification / HS Code

Port / Airport / Border Point of Entry: .....

Country of origin: .....

This permit is valid from …… to …… .

Issued on this …… day of ……, 20…… .

Name and Signature: ……

Director General

QR Code

FORM No. 10

PURCHASE PERMIT

Permit No.: .....

This permit is granted to ……, of …… trading as …… authorising the holder to purchase …… (specify cereals or other produce) in accordance with the Food Security Act, Cap. 249.

The permit is granted for purchase in …… District, …… Region.

This permit is valid from …… to …… .

Issued on this …… day of ……, 20…… .

Name and Signature: ……
Director General

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FORM No. 11

TRANSPORT PERMIT

Permit No.: .....

This permit is granted to ……, of …… trading as …… authorising the holder to transport cereals or other produce in accordance with the Food Security Act, Cap. 249.

Type of cereals or other produce: …… Quantity: ……

Source: …… Destination: ……..…… Route: ……..……

This permit is valid from …… to …… .

Issued on this …… day of ……, 20…… .

Name and Signature: ……
Director General

QR Code

FORM No. 12

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO OPERATE A WAREHOUSE

1. Full name of applicant: .....
2. Address: ..... Email: ..... Telephone: .....
3. Business Name (if different from above): .....
4. Business Location: Plot No. ..... Street/Village ..... Ward ..... District ..... Region .....
5. Type of cereal or other produce: .....
6. Perishable commodity (Yes/No): .....
7. Grade of cereal or other produce: .....
8. Registration number issued by the Authority: .....
9. Warehouse location, where applicable: .....

DECLARATION

I, ..., hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the Applicant: ..... Date: .....

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Application Received By: ..... Date: .....

Remarks:

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Signature and Stamp: .....

FORM No. 13

LICENCE TO OPERATE A WAREHOUSE

This is to certify that ……, of …… has been duly licensed with Licence No.: ..... to operate a warehouse at …… (specify district) in ……. (region) in accordance with the Food Security Act, Cap. 249.

Issued on this …… day of ……, 20…… .

Name and Signature: ……
Director General

QR Code

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Made under regulation 20)

FEES

No.	PARTICULARS	Fee (TShs)
1.	Application for registration of producer	
	(a) Small scale producer	NIL
	(b) Medium scale producer	10, 000
	(c) Large scale producer	20,000
2.	Application for registration of a trader	
	(a) citizen	10,000
	(b) non-citizen	150,000
3.	Application for registration of a warehouse owner	10,000
4.	Application for licence to operate a warehouse	10,000
5.	Application by a dealer for a permit to purchase cereals, pulses, oil seeds and nuts, horticulture or root crops and tubers.	150, 000 per year
6.	Perusal of register or extract from register	10,000

Dodoma,
30th June, 2026

DANIEL GODFREY CHONGOLO,
Minister for Agriculture