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TANZANIA BUREAU OF STANDARDS (TBS)



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NOTICE TO IMPORTERS

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Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) wishes to remind all importers of products falling under Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity to Standards (PVoC) programme that they are required to abide by applicable laws, standards, regulations and procedures during importation of PVoC regulated products. Please note that inspection at countries of origin/export is done by TBS contracted PVoC service providers. Currently, the Bureau has five (5) PVoC service providers namely INTERTEK, CCIC, SGS, BUREAU VERITAS and TUV Rheinland Tanzania.

In this regard, importers of PVoC regulated products are required to contact them for pre-shipment inspection to ensure that all consignments falling under this scheme are inspected at their countries of origin/export and obtain Certificates of Conformity (CoCs) before being shipped to Tanzania.

The Bureau wishes to inform all importers, Clearing and Forwarding Agents, other stakeholders and the general public that it has revised its regulated list of Harmonized System Codes (HS Codes) in order to strengthen imports and exports control as well as increasing efficiency by simplifying cargo clearance process at entry ports. The new TBS regulated list is now available on our website, importers are advised to observe it.

Furthermore, the Bureau wishes to remind all importers of products regulated under PVoC programme that all countries have re-opened their borders and removed all the restrictions

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associated with COVID-19 challenges and thus all PVoC service providers are now fully operational in their zones all over the world.

Subsequent to the above information, the Bureau shall not accept any PVoC exemption request with COVID-19 reasons rather a penalty of 15% of the TRA assessed CIF value will be imposed to importers which shall be paid together with normal Destination Inspection charges.

For more information regarding PVoC procedure and exemption criteria for goods falling under this scheme please visit our website (www.tbs.go.tz > *Compliance and Enforcement* > *Import and Export Control*) or contact us through hotline number **0800 110 827**.

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