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## PUBLIC NOTICE TO IMPORTERS OF TBS-REGULATED GOODS

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The Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) hereby reminds all importers, clearing and forwarding agents, and the general public that all goods including used motor vehicles subject to the Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity to Standards (PVoC) must be inspected in the country of export before being shipped to Tanzania. This requirement is essential for strengthening import controls and facilitating faster clearance at points of entry.

The inspection of goods in the countries of origin or export is carried out by designated Service Providers acting on behalf of TBS. The designated PVoC service providers are Intertek International, Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS), China Certification and Inspection Group (CCIC), TUV Rheinland, EAA Company Limited and Quality Inspection Services Japan (QISJ). Contact information for these providers is available on the TBS website: [www.tbs.go.tz](http://www.tbs.go.tz).

Importers are required to contact these Service Providers for inspection and obtain Certificates of Conformity (CoC) for general goods, and Certificates of Roadworthiness (CoR) for used motor vehicles prior to shipment to Tanzania. Failure to conduct the required inspection in the country of export shall result in inspection upon arrival in the country, and a **penalty of 15%** of the total invoice value (as assessed by Tanzania Revenue Authority) shall be imposed on the importer.

To ensure a smooth transition to full compliance with this regulatory requirement, a **60-day grace period** is granted from the date of this notice. During this period, shipments that were already being processed for exportation or were in transit prior to the issuance of this notice will be inspected at ports of entry without penalty, provided that evidence of relevant documentation is presented at the time of clearance.

For more information on the PVoC scheme and exemptions for specific goods, please visit the TBS website, [www.tbs.go.tz](http://www.tbs.go.tz) under Compliance and Enforcement > Imports and Exports Control, or contact us via our toll-free number: 0800 110 827.

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