



# TANZANIA BUREAU OF STANDARDS

## PVoC PROGRAMME EXEMPTIONS

Importers of goods which are regulated under the Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity to Standards (PVoC) programme may qualify for exemption if they meet the required criteria. Goods exempted from PVoC inspection will undergo destination inspection upon arrival in the country. Exemptions are granted following a successful assessment based on the criteria outlined below.

### A

#### PERSONAL GOODS/BELONGINGS

Covers items owned and used by an individual for private or personal use, not intended for business, trade, or resale.

##### Requirements

- a) Application letter requesting for PVoC exemption
- b) Supporting documents such as residence permit, work permit, student permit, passport, baggage declaration form (BD form)

**Note:** Exemption is granted per shipment.

### B

#### RAW MATERIALS, MACHINERY AND SPARE PARTS IMPORTED BY MANUFACTURERS OF TBS CERTIFIED PRODUCTS

##### Requirements

- a) Application letter requesting for PVoC exemption

- b) Final products must be certified by Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) under the Product Certification Scheme ('tbs' mark or tested product certification)
- c) Valid TBS licence/Tested Product Certificate or its renewal endorsement
- d) List of goods (raw materials, machinery and machinery spare part) to be exempted.

**Note:** The exemption letter will remain valid until the expiry date of the Licence or Certificate for the respective product. However, the exemption may also be issued on a shipment basis if necessary.

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## **RAW MATERIALS, MACHINERY AND SPARE PARTS FOR UNCERTIFIED PRODUCTS**

### **Requirements**

- a) Application or introduction letter from the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) for CTI Members
- b) List of goods (raw materials, machinery and machinery spare part) to be exempted

**Note:** The exemption is granted for a period of one year with no renewal. However, it may also be issued on a shipment basis within the year if deemed necessary.

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## **CAPITAL GOODS AND RAW MATERIALS FOR VALUE ADDITION**

Capital goods refer to the tangible assets acquired by an investor for production of goods and/or services provision, not for immediate consumption or resale, rather to enable or support the business operations and income generation.

### **Requirements:**

- a) Application or introduction letter from Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA) requesting for PVoC exemption on behalf of the client
- b) Valid TISEZA certificate/ license
- c) TRA approval letter for tax exemption and approved list of exempted products.

**Note:** Exemption is valid for one year and renewable annually based TISEZA licence validity. Exemption may also be issued on a shipment basis if deemed necessary.

**E****GOODS FOR MINING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES****Requirements****Mining companies**

- a) Application letter from respective mining company for PVoC exemption
- b) Relevant mining and exploration licenses
- c) List of mining goods to be exempted.

**Contractors of mining companies**

- a) Approval notification of the local content plan issued by the Mining Commission
- b) Application/introduction letter from respective mining company requesting for PVoC exemption on their behalf
- c) Contract/ agreement between the contractor and the respective mining company
- d) Relevant exploration/mining licenses or permit or any other evidence/proof of involvement in the mining and exploration activities
- e) List of mining goods to be exempted.

**Note:** Exemption is valid for one year, renewable annually based on the mining/exploration licence validity. Exemption may also be issued on a shipment basis if deemed necessary.

**F****GOODS FOR GOVERNMENT PROJECTS****Requirements**

- a) Application/introduction letter for exemption from relevant Government institution, Ministry, Agency, Authority etc
- b) Evidence of quality verification agreement (certificate of quality from supplier) for the project goods

**Note:** Exemption is valid for one year, renewable annually based on the validity of the contract or agreement between the respective government institution and the contractor. The exemption may also be issued on a shipment basis if deemed necessary.

**G****DONATED /RELIGIOUS/ CHARITY GOODS****Requirements**

- a) Application letter requesting for PVoC exemption
- b) Certificate of donation
- c) TRA Tax exemption documents and list/packing list of goods to be exempted
- d) For religious/charity goods; Certificate of registration from Ministry of Home Affairs or Introduction letter from recognized national religious institutions such as BAKWATA, TEC, CCT.

**Note:** Exemption is granted on consignment basis.

**H****GOODS VALUED BELOW USD 5,000****Requirements**

- a) Application letter requesting for PVoC exemption
- b) Proof from Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) that the total invoice value is below USD 5,000

**Note:** Exemption is granted on consignment basis

**I****TBS CERTIFIED PRODUCTS**

This applies to imported products bearing the “tbs mark” from abroad certified manufacturers

**Requirements**

- a) Application letter requesting for PVoC exemption
- b) Valid TBS licence/Tested product certificate or renewal endorsement

**Note:** Exemption validity will correspond to the licence or certificate validity period.

**J****TEMPORARILY IMPORTED GOODS**

This applies to goods that are imported for a specific use within a specified time and thereafter are re-exported.

**Requirement:**

- a) Application letter requesting for PVoC exemption
- b) TRA permission (for goods to be returned to the country of origin after a specific use within a specified time)
- c) For exhibition goods; Endorsement letter from **TANTRADE** or any recognized organizing Government Institution

**Note:** Such goods might be those imported for a specific project or exhibition and after end of the intended use will be re-exported

**K****RAW MATERIALS AND PACKAGING MATERIALS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION****Requirements**

- a) Application letter requesting for PVoC exemption
- b) Valid certificate/licence/permit from Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) and a list of raw materials/ packaging materials applied for exemption

**Note:** Exemption is valid for one year, renewable based on TMDA certificate/licence validity. Exemption may also be issued on a shipment basis if deemed necessary.

**L****DIPLOMATIC GOODS****Requirement**

- a) Application letter from the Embassy and/or introduction letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation
- b) The form PR06

**Note:** Exemption is granted per consignment.

**M****CONSOLIDATED GOODS****Requirements**

- a) Application letter requesting for PVoC exemption
- b) Valid TASAC license for consolidation operations
- c) Proof of recognized/ registered cargo storage facility (warehouse)

**Note:** Exemption is valid for one year, renewable annually based on the TASAC licence validity. The exemption may also be issued on a shipment basis if deemed necessary.

**N****AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS****Requirements**

- a) Introduction letter/endorsement from Tanzania Air Operators Association (TAOA) requesting for PVoC exemption
- b) Certified copy of a valid Air Service Licence and/or Airworthiness Certificate from Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA)

**NOTE:** Exemption is valid for one year, renewable based on the validity of the TCAA licence.

**APPROVED BY**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL**