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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ON ORIGIN OF SAFARI PREMIUM TEA PRODUCT

Dar es Salaam, 21st February, 2023

The Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) would like to give clarification on the controversy concerning the information labelled on Safari Premium Tea and the use of the TBS standards mark of quality on the product imported from Kenya and packed in Tanzania.

TBS would like to inform the public that the product is produced by the Afri Tea and Coffee Blenders (1986) Ltd factory located in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and has been granted licence number **1595** to use the TBS standards mark on Blended Black Tea products (Green Label Tea, Kilimanjaro, African Pride, *Simba Chai*, *Simba Chai Tangawizi* and Safari Premium Tea) since 2014 on the understanding that all these products are produced in Tanzania using raw materials from within the country.

Moreover, as part of licensing procedures, this factory has been inspected on various occasions with the last inspection conducted on 2022-08-11 where there was no change regarding the production procedure and source of raw materials. However, following the circulating information concerning the product, TBS conducted an emergency inspection at the factory on 2023-02-20 and confirmed that the producer imported tea as raw material from Kenya in October, 2022 without prior notification to TBS as required by the Scheme of Inspection and Test. This issue is being addressed and appropriate measures will be taken in accordance with the law.

TBS will continue to cooperate with the public as the issue of product safety and quality is a shared responsibility.

For more details, please contact us through hotline number **0800 110 827**.

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