**DRAFT TANZANIA STANDARD**

 **Fertilizers and soil conditioners — Controlled-release fertilizer — General requirements**

 **TANZANIA BUREAU OF STANDARDS**

**NATIONAL FOREWORD**

The Tanzania Bureau of Standards is the statutory national standards body for Tanzania, formally established by the Act.No.3 of 1975, which was amended and repealed by Act.No.2 of 2009.

The Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Technical Committee, under the supervision of the Agriculture and Food Standards Divisional Committee (AFDC 10), has prepared this Tanzania Standard.

It is identical ISO 18644:2016 Fertilizers and soil conditioners — Controlled-release fertilizer —General requirements**,** published by International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

**TERMINOLOGY AND CONVENTIONS**

The text of the International standard is hereby being recommended for approval without deviation for publication as Tanzania standard.

Some terminologies and certain conventions are not identical with those used in Tanzania standards; attention is drawn especially to the following: -

1) The comma has been used as a decimal marker for metric dimensions. In Tanzania Standards, it is current practice to use “full point” on the baseline as the decimal marker.

2) Where the words “International Standard(s)” appear, referring to this standard they should read “Tanzania Standard(s)”.

**SCOPE**

This International Standard specifies the requirements for testing methods, sampling and preparation of test sample, marking and labelling, as well as package, transport, and storage of controlled-release fertilizer.

This International Standard is applicable to controlled-release products having one or more primary fertilizer nutrient (nitrogen and/or phosphorous and/or potassium) in a controlled-release form. They can be made by bulk blending (BB) fertilizers or by special processes