TANZANIA BUREAU OF STANDARDS

DESTINATION INSPECTION PROCEDURE FOR IMPORTED USED MOTOR VEHICLES – 2026

1. Scope of Application

This procedure applies to used motor vehicles imported into Tanzania from countries where the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) does not have contracted Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity (PVoC) inspection service providers.

Currently, used motor vehicles imported from countries other than **Japan, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the United Kingdom (UK)** are subject to Destination Inspection by TBS.

2. Destination Inspection Procedure

Step 1: Application and Payment of Inspection Fees

The importer or their appointed Clearing and Forwarding Agent (CFA) shall submit an application for Destination Inspection through the **TBS Online Application System (OAS)**.

The application shall be accompanied by relevant documents, including:

i. Bill of Lading or other applicable shipping document;
ii. Commercial invoice;
iii. Export certificate; and
iv. Deregistration certificate, where applicable.

Upon submission and processing of the application, TBS shall issue a Debit Advice containing an electronic Government Payment Gateway (GePG) control number for payment.

The Destination Inspection fee is **TZS 350,000 per vehicle**.

Important: No PVoC non-compliance penalty shall be imposed on used motor vehicles imported from countries where TBS does not have contracted inspection service providers.

Step 2: Issuance of Vehicle Inspection Order

Upon confirmation of payment, the TBS Online Application System shall generate a **Vehicle Inspection Order**, allowing the vehicle to be cleared from the port or other point of entry for subsequent inspection.

The following conditions shall apply:

The vehicle must undergo TBS inspection within **seven (7) days from the date of clearance**.

The vehicle shall not be registered by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) until a valid **Certificate of Roadworthiness (CoR)** has been issued by TBS.

Step 3: Physical Inspection of the Vehicle

Used motor vehicles cleared through Dar es Salaam Port shall be inspected at the **TBS Vehicle Inspection Centre located at TBS Headquarters**.

Vehicles entering Tanzania through border posts or other points of entry outside Dar es Salaam Port shall be inspected by TBS inspectors either at the respective points of entry or at the importer's premises.

Step 4: Inspection Results and Certification

Following inspection, TBS shall take the following actions based on the vehicle's conformity with the applicable standard:

Compliant vehicles: A Certificate of Roadworthiness (CoR) shall be issued, allowing the importer to proceed with vehicle registration through TRA.

Non-compliant but repairable vehicles: The importer shall be permitted to undertake the necessary repairs and present the vehicle for re-inspection.

Non-compliant and non-repairable vehicles: The vehicle shall be subject to re-exportation or destruction at the importer's expense, in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.

3. Important Information for Importers

Importers are advised to ensure that applications are submitted with complete and accurate documentation, inspection fees are paid through the official GePG payment system, and vehicles are presented for inspection within the prescribed period.

A Vehicle Inspection Order is not a Certificate of Roadworthiness and does not authorize vehicle registration. Registration may proceed only after the vehicle has successfully passed TBS inspection and a valid Certificate of Roadworthiness has been issued.