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THE FERTILIZERS ACT,
(CAP. 378)

REGULATIONS

(Made under section 53)

THE FERTILIZERS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fertilizers (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Fertilizers Regulations, herein after referred to as "principal Regulations".

Amendment of regulation 2

2. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 2 by adding in their appropriate alphabetical order the following new definition:

""organic fertilizer" means any fertilizing material of biological origin derived from plant, animal, or microbial sources, which releases nutrients through natural mineralization processes to improve soil fertility and support plant growth;"

Amendment of regulation 3

3. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulation 3 and substituting for it the following:

"Categories and registration of fertilizer and fertilizer supplements

3.-(1) There shall be three categories of fertilizer to be considered for registration as follows:

(a) inorganic fertilizers including nitrogen, phosphate and potash products and their compounds, secondary and micro nutrients, fortified inorganic products;

(b) organic fertilizers including processed manure, compost, biochar and organic acids; and

(c) organomineral fertilizers including organic and mineral fertilizer compounds and blends, fortified organic products.

(2) There shall be three categories of fertilizer supplements for registration as follows:

(a) soil conditioners including agricultural lime, agricultural gypsum, dolomite, peatmoss, perlite and vermiculite;

(b) biofertilizers including Nitrogen fixers, decomposers, phosphorus and sulphur solubilizing bacteria and binders;

(c) bio stimulants including humic substances, hormone containing products, amino acid containing products.

(3) A person who intends to apply for registration of fertilizer or fertilizer supplements shall electronically submit his intention to register to the Director by filling Form No. 1A as set out in the First Schedule.

(4) Application under subregulation (3) shall be accompanied by certificate of analysis.

(5) The Director shall assess the intention to register and where fertilizer or fertilizer supplement under application-

(a) has been registered with the same name and nutrient composition, the applicant shall be notified to proceed with trade;

(b) has been registered with the same nutrient composition but different name, the Director upon satisfaction may issue a subsidiary registration number to the product and issue an applicant with a certificate of conformity in a prescribed Form No. 2A for fertilizer and Form No. 3A for fertilizer supplements as set out in the First Schedule;

(c) has not been registered, the applicant shall be notified to proceed with the application for registration.

(6) For the purpose of subregulation (5)(a) and (b), prior to notification to proceed with trade or issuance of certificate of conformity, the Director shall subject the product under application to laboratory analysis in accordance with regulation 18 for rational decision.

(7) Subject to subregulation (5)(c), the applicant shall electronically apply for registration to the Director by filling Form No. 1 as set out in the First Schedule and such application shall be accompanied by-

(a) the information on the suitability of the fertilizer or fertilizer supplements as to its

use including certificate of analysis, material safety datasheet and technical data sheet;

(b) a sample of the fertilizer or fertilizer supplements for laboratory analysis divided into three sealed equal parts of 0.5 kg or 0.5 litre or any other lesser amount depending on the nature of the product and certificate of analysis, if any;

(c) where applicable, a written declaration that the fertilizer or fertilizer supplements have or have not been prohibited or restricted in the country of origin;

(d) a copy of the label that is intended to be used for the fertilizer or fertilizer supplement to which the application relates and such other information as is necessary to determine the safety and merit of such fertilizer or fertilizer supplement; and

(e) any other relevant information or document that may be required for evaluation.

(8) The Director shall, upon receiving of an application made pursuant to subregulation (5)(c), assign a reference number to such application.

(9) The Director shall notify the applicant within fourteen days after receiving an application, if the application meets the requirements provided for under subregulation (7) or otherwise-

(a) where the requirements are met, testing procedures shall commence;

(b) where the requirements are not met, applicant shall be notified to rectify the discrepancies and resubmit the application.

(10) Subject to subregulation (9)(b), where the applicant does not rectify the anomaly identified within the time specified, the application shall be rejected.

(11) Where an applicant who is not a resident in Tanzania, the fertilizer or fertilizer supplement shall not be eligible for registration, unless the application is made by an agent of the applicant who permanently resides in Tanzania and to whom any notice or correspondence under the Act may be sent and such agent gives an undertaking to the Director.”.

Amendment of regulation 4

4. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 4, as follows:

(a) in subregulation (2) by deleting the words "laboratory and field test for one cropping season in at least two agro-ecological zones" and substituting for them the words "laboratory and field test for at least one cropping season and at least two agro-ecological zones";

(b) by deleting subregulation (4) and substituting for it the following:

"(4) Notwithstanding subregulation (2), the Director may register a fertilizer containing essential nutrient elements or a blend of fertilizer or fertilizer supplements without carrying out a field test.";

(c) by adding immediately after subregulation (4) the following:

"(5) The provisions of subregulation (4) shall not apply to fertilizer for tobacco, coffee and tea crops and fertilizer or fertilizer supplements whose properties raise efficacy, environmental or health concerns, including biofertilizers, bio stimulants, fertilizer-pesticides and those with new technology.";

(d) in subregulation 5, by-

(i) deleting the word "new" and substituting for it the word "testing" as it appears in opening phrase of subregulation (5);

(ii) deleting the word "Third" and substituting for it the word "Second" as it appears in paragraph (b) of that subregulation;

(e) renumbering subregulations (5), (6) and (7) as subregulations (6), (7) and (8) respectively;

(f) adding immediately after subregulation (8) as renumbered the following:

"(9) A fertilizer or fertilizer supplement registered under this regulation shall be maintained in a register specifying the following:

(a) name of registrant;

(b) trade or common name of the fertilizer or fertilizer supplement;

(c) nutrient contents or composition;

(d) registration number; and

(e) any other information as the Director may deem necessary.

(10) An applicant who intends to change particulars of the registered fertilizer or fertilizer supplement, shall upon submission of necessary supporting documents from relevant authorities, apply to the Director in writing specifying the intended changes and reasons for change.

(11) Notwithstanding subregulation (10), the

Director may consider change of particulars as either major or minor, where-

(a) major changes shall involve altering nutrients content or composition in which the applicant shall be required to submit a new application for registration and pay relevant prescribed fees;

(b) minor changes shall involve altering the trade name or any related registration particulars in which the applicant shall not be required to submit a new application for registration.".

Amendment of regulation 6

5. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 6 as follows:

(a) in subregulation (1) by adding the word "electronically" immediately after the word "apply" appearing in that subregulation;

(b) in subregulation (2), by-

(i) deleting subregulation (2) and substituting for it the following:

" (2) Without prejudice to subregulation (1), manufacturing plants for registration shall be categorized as follows:

(a) small scale manufacturing plants with installed capacity of less than 20,000 metric tonnes per year for solid fertilizer and less than 100,000 litres concentrate for liquid fertilizer;

(b) medium scale manufacturing plants with installed capacity of 20,000 metric tonnes to 50,000 metric tonnes per year for solid fertilizer and between 100,000 to 250,000 litres concentrate for liquid fertilizer;

(c) large scale manufacturing plants with installed capacity of above 500,000 metric tonnes per year for solid fertilizer and above 250,000 litres concentrate for liquid fertilizer."

(ii) adding immediately after subregulation (2), the following:

" (3) Subject to subregulation (1), an application for registration of manufacturing or sterilizing plant shall be accompanied with-

(a) a copy of Environmental Impact Assessment Certificate or provisional environmental clearance certificate issued

by relevant Authority;

(b) a copy of fertilizer dealer license;

(c) professional certificates of technical personnel to operate the facility;

(d) process flowchart;

(e) any other relevant requirement as may be required by the Director.

(4) Where the Director, is satisfied that the applicant has complied with the requirements for registration of manufacturing or sterilizing plant, shall within twenty-one days issue the applicant with-

(a) the sterilizing registration certificate in Form No. 5 as set out in the First Schedule; or

(b) the manufacturing plant registration certificate in Form No. 6 as set out in the First Schedule."

(c) by renumbering subregulation (3) as subregulation (5).

Amendment of regulation 10

6. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 10, by-

(a) deleting subregulations (1), (2) and (3) and substituting for them the following:

" (1) A person shall not carry out fertilizer or fertilizer supplements business without a license from the Authority.

(2) A person who intends to operate fertilizer or fertilizer supplements business shall apply electronically for a fertilizer dealer license to the Board by filling Form No. 7 set out in the First Schedule.

(3) An application for license shall be accompanied by-

(a) a copy of certificate of attendance of the Authority fertilizers' dealership training or any certificate of agricultural training from recognized institution;

(b) a copy of certificate of Incorporation for or business name registration certificate;

(c) National Identification Number for sole proprietors;

(d) a copy of certificate of tax payer Identification Number; and

(e) a complete filled Form No. 9 referred under regulation 12.";

(b) adding immediately after subregulation (3) the following:

" "(4) The Board upon receipt of the application shall cause validation of the information and inspection of the premise to ensure compliance with these Regulations.".

(c) renumbering subregulations (4), (5) and (6) as subregulations (5), (6) and (7) respectively.

Amendment of regulation 12

7. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 12, by-

(a) deleting subregulation (2) and substituting for it the following:

" (2) An application for premise registration under this regulation shall-

(a) contain particulars of the applicant, premise location and storage capacity; and

(b) be accompanied by a proof of ownership or lease agreement or any other relevant document as may be required by the Director;

(c) contain agent contract, where applicable.";

(b) deleting the word "Fourth" appearing in subregulation (3) and substituting for it the word "Third".

Amendment of regulation 15

8. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 15,-

(a) in subregulation (2) by deleting the word "saven" and substituting for it the word "seven";

(b) by adding immediately after subregulation (5) the following:

" (6) Where fertilizer or fertilizer supplement is deregistered, the Director shall-

(a) require the applicant to surrender the certificate within seven days; and

(b) struck out registration from the register.".

Amendment of regulation 17

9. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 17 by-

(a) inserting the words "in accordance with regulation 20(b)" between the words "sample" and "from" appearing in subregulation (3);

(b) adding the words "importer or" immediately before the word "manufacturer" appearing in subregulation (2);

(c) adding the words "importer or" immediately before the word "manufacturer" appearing in subregulation (4);

(d) adding immediately after subregulation (4) the following:

" (5) Subject to subregulation (3), the Authority shall issue a laboratory analysis report confirming the quality of the fertilizer or fertilizer supplements within fourteen days after the date of receipt of samples and upon payment of prescribed fees.

(6) Where the importer or manufacturer is not satisfied with the analysis report may appeal to the Minister in accordance with section 37 of the Act.".

Amendment of regulation 20

10. The principal Regulations are amended in paragraph (b) of regulation 20 by adding the words "of 0.5 kg or 0.5 litres" immediately after the word "parts" appearing in that paragraph.

Amendment of regulation 23

11. The principal Regulations are amended in paragraph (i), of regulation 23 by adding the words "fertilizer or fertilizer" immediately before the word "supplement" appearing in the opening phrase of that paragraph.

Amendment of regulation 27

12. The principal Regulations are amended in subregulation (2) of regulation 27 by adding the words "except as provided for under regulation 4 of these Regulations" immediately after the word "supplements" appearing in that subregulation.

Amendment of regulation 33

13. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 33-

(a) in subregulation (2) by deleting the word "intenational" and substituting for it the word "international";

(b) by adding immediately after subregulation (2) the following:

" (3) Subject to subregulation (2), the manufacturer of a fertilizer or fertilizer supplement shall declare the nutrient content of the fertilizer or fertilizer supplements, and the declared content shall be not less than:

(a) in the case of an organic fertilizer twelve percent organic carbon; and

(b) in the case of an inorganic fertilizer, five percent of total primary nutrients, being the combined content of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.".

Amendment of regulation 36

14. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 36, by-

(a) deleting the word "Fourth" appearing in subregulation (2) and substituting for it the word "Third";

(b) deleting subregulation (5) and substituting for it the following:

" (5) Where an inspector has reasonable grounds to believe that fertilizer or fertilizer supplement is being sold or stored by a fertilizer dealer without being in conformity with the standards or in violation of the Act or these Regulations-

(a) shall immediately issue a stop sale order to that fertilizer dealer in a Form No. 15 as set out in the First Schedule; or

(b) may seize, forfeit and condemn fertilizer or fertilizer

supplement and declare it unfit for intended use and order such fertilizer or fertilizer supplement to be destroyed or disposed at the fertilizer dealer's cost.";

(c) adding immediately after subregulation (5) the following:

" (6) Without prejudice to subregulation (5), no fertilizer of fertilizer supplement shall be seized, forfeited, destroyed or otherwise disposed unless a sample has first been taken and analyzed in accordance with these Regulations, the fertilizer dealer has been duly notified in writing of the alleged contravention, and has been afforded an opportunity to make representations or to remedy the non-compliance within the period specified by the Director.".

Amendment of regulations 37

15. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 37, by-

(a) deleting the words "by using Form No. 16" appearing in subregulation (2) and substituting for them "electronically by filling Form No. 16 as";

(b) deleting the word "Third" appearing in paragraph (c) of subregulation (4) and substituting for it the word "Second";

(c) deleting subregulation (8) and substituting for it the following:

" (8) Where the importation of fertilizer or fertilizer supplements is for non-agricultural use, research, or registration purposes, the importer shall declare such purpose at the time of importation and make an application electronically to the Director by filling Form No. 18 as set out in the First Schedule, subject to payment of prescribed fee:

Provided that, importation for research or registration purposes shall not attract any fee.";

(d) deleting the word "quality" appearing at the end of subregulation (10) and substituting for it the word "quantity".

Amendment of regulation 38

16. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 38, by-

(a) adding the word "electronically" immediately after the word "application" appearing in subregulation (1);

(b) deleting the word "Third" appearing in paragraph (e) of subregulation (2) and substituting for it the word "Second";

(c) deleting subregulation (3) and substituting for it the following:

" (3) The Director shall, within fourteen days after being satisfied with the domestic sufficiency of fertilizer or fertilizer supplement and compliance with the provisions of these Regulations, issue an export permit in Form No. 21 as set out in the First Schedule.".

Amendment of regulation 42

17. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 42, -

(a) in subregulation (1) by adding the words "at both wholesale and retail levels of the supply chain" immediately after the word "supplement";

(b) in subregulation (3)(b) by adding the words "consulting relevant stakeholders for determination of" immediately before the word "costs" appearing in that paragraph;

(c) by adding immediately after subregulation (4) the following:

" (5) Without prejudice to the provisions of this regulation, the Authority may not set price for some fertilizer or fertilizer supplements if the market for such fertilizer or fertilizer supplements is competitive and efficient or where other relevant considerations so warrant.";

(d) renumbering subregulation (5) as subregulation (6).

Amendment of regulation 43

18. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 43(2) by deleting the word "illegal appearing in that subregulation and substituting for it the words "illicit, unregistered".

Addition of regulation 44A

19. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 44 by adding the following:

"Time for determination of appeal Cap. 378

44A. Where an appeal is referred to the Minister in accordance with section 37 of the Act, the Minister shall determine the appeal within forty-five days upon receipt of such appeal.".

Amendment of regulation 45

20. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 45 by deleting the phrase "shall be liable to a fine of not less than fifty thousand shillings but not exceeding one million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or to both" and substituting for it the phrase "shall be liable to a fine or to imprisonment as provided for in the Act.

Amendment of the First Schedule

21. The principal Regulations are amended in the First Schedule, -

(a) by adding Forms in their chronological order as follows:

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UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
TANZANIA FERTILIZER REGULATORY AUTHORITY

FORM No. 1A

(Made under regulation 3(3))

INTENTION TO REGISTER FERTILIZER OR FERTILIZER SUPPLEMENT

1. Applicant Details:
    (a) Full name;…….
    (b) Business Name: .....
    (c) TIN Number…….….
    (d) Postal Address: .....
    (e) Mobile Number……....
    (f) Email……..……

2. Type of Fertilizer Dealer (Manufacturer/Importer): .....
3. Fertilizer Details:
    (a) Common Name: .....
    (b) Fertilizer Type: ……..…
    (c) Crops: ……
    (d) Nutrient Composition: .....

Attach Certificate of Analysis

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UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

TANZANIA FERTILIZER REGULATORY AUTHORITY

FORM No. 2A

(*Made under regulation 3(5)*)

CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY

COC No.....

M/S…… of (address)……

This is to certify that the above fertilizer has been sampled and tested/analysed by Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority and found to conform to the descriptions below:

1. Nutrient composition.....
2. Name of Fertilizer ……..

And assigned with Subsidiary Registration Number ……..

.....
Director

Date.....

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UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

TANZANIA FERTILIZER REGULATORY AUTHORITY

FORM. No. 3A

(*Made under regulation 3(5)*)
CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY

COC No.....

M/S…… of (address)……

This is to certify that the above fertilizer supplement has been sampled and tested/analysed by

Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority and found to conform to the descriptions below:

1. Nutrient composition.....
2. Name of Fertilizer Supplement……..

And assigned with Subsidiary Registration Number …….

.....
Director
Date.....

”

(b) in FORM No. 8 by deleting the words “Chairman of the Board” appearing immediately after paragraph 2 and substitute for them the following “Chairman/Secretary of the Board”.

Amendment of the Second Schedule

22. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting Second Schedule and substituting for it the following:

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

TANZANIA FERTILIZER REGULATORY AUTHORITY

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Made under regulation 4(5), 17(4), 18(2)), 37(4)(b) and 38(2)(e))

A. LABORATORY ANALYSIS FEES

S/N	Type of Analysis	Cost per sample in in TZS
1.	pH in H_2O	60,000
2.	pH in $CaCl_2$	60,000
3.	Organic Carbon	90,000
4.	Total Nitrogen	60,000
5.	Extractable Phosphorus	60,000
6.	Extractable Copper	60,000

7.	Extractable Zinc	60,000
8.	Extractable Iron or Aluminium	60,000
9.	Extractable Sulphur	60,000
10.	Cation Exchange Capacity	60,000
11.	Exchangeable Calcium	60,000
12.	Extractable Magnesium	60,000
13.	Exchangeable Potassium	60,000
14.	Exchangeable Sodium	60,000
15.	Extractable Manganese	60,000
16.	Exchangeable Lead	60,000
17.	Exchangeable Molybdenum	60,000
18.	Exchangeable Fluorine	60,000
19.	Carbonate and Bicarbonate	150,000
20.	Electric conductivity	150,000
21.	Lime /Gypsum requirement	180,000
22.	Particle Size Analysis	90,000
23.	Soil Moisture	90,000
24.	Bulk density	90,000
25.	Particle density	90,000
26.	Base Saturation	
27.	Sodium Adsorption Ratio	150,000
28.	Water Stable aggregates	150,000
29.	Dispersion ratio	150,000
30.	Insoluble/Suspended solids	150,000
31.	$N\text{-}NO_3$	60,000
32.	$N\text{-}NH_4$	60,000
33.	Sample Preparations	60,000
34.	Water extractable boron	60,000
35.	Bio fertilizer	210,000
36.	Heavy metals	150,000

37.	Organic acids	210,000
38.	Any other parameter	≤210,000

B. OTHER FEES

S/N	ITEM		Fee (TZS)
1.	Fertilizer field test fee per season per new fertilizer or fertilizer supplements	(a) Cropping season of about three months	10,000,000
		(b) Cropping season of about six months	12,500,000
		(c) Cropping season of about twelve months	25,000,000
2.	Importation fee		1.2% CIF
3.	Export permit fee		10,000 per ton

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Amendment of Third Schedule

23. The principal Regulations are amended in the Third Schedule, by-

(a) deleting the heading “FOURTH SCHEDULE” appearing immediately before the heading “THIRD SCHEDULE”;

(b) adding immediately after item 9.4 the following:

“ *D. Code Practice for Storage and Handling of Biofertilizers*

10. Storage Conditions

10.1 Biofertilizers shall be stored in cool, dry, and well-ventilated facilities, away from direct sunlight and excessive heat.

10.2 Storage temperature shall not exceed 30°C to preserve microbial viability.

10.3 Containers must be kept sealed to prevent contamination and moisture ingress.

10.4 Biofertilizers shall be stored separately from chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and hazardous substances to avoid cross-contamination.

10.5 Dedicated storage areas shall be clearly labeled and restricted to authorised personnel.

10.6 Packaging shall be airtight, moisture-resistant, and tamper-proof.

10.7 Labels must indicate storage instructions, expiry date, and safety precautions.

11.Handling Requirements

11.1 During transportation and handling, biofertilizers shall be

protected from extreme temperatures and mechanical damage.

11.2 Workers shall use protective equipment (gloves, masks) when handling bulk quantities.

11.3 Spillage shall be cleaned immediately to prevent microbial contamination of the environment.

11.4 The personnel shall be trained in proper handling of biofertilizers and safety procedures.”.

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