



# TANZANIA BUREAU OF STANDARDS

## DESTINATION INSPECTION PROCEDURE FOR GENERAL GOODS

Destination Inspection is focused on the conformity assessment of imported goods after arrival in the country. This applies to all goods in the destination inspection compulsory list and goods that were imported without a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) under the PVoC program. The following are steps for Destination Inspection.

### A. RECEIVING APPLICATION FOR DESTINATION INSPECTION

The importer or representative/ clearing and forward agent applies for destination inspection through the *Online Application System* via the TBS website ([www.oas.tbs.go.tz](http://www.oas.tbs.go.tz)) and generate form such as the Provisional Permit for Entry of imported goods requesting for inspection. The application is accompanied with relevant shipping documents such as airway bill (AWB)/ bill of lading (BL)/ road consignment note (RCN), commercial invoice, Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) assessment document (TANSAD), packing list, valid TBS registration certificate for food and cosmetic products/ TFDA registration Certificate e.t.c.

### B. ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICATION

All documents received via the Online Application System are assessed based on the risk, nature and quantity of the imported goods prior inspection at the port of entry.

### C. ISSUING DEBIT ADVICE FOR DESTINATION INSPECTION CHARGES

For imported goods which require testing and batch certification, debit advice or invoice (with

electronic Government Payment Gateway (eGPG) control number) is raised and the importer obtains it via Online Application System. Importer pay for inspection and testing fees as follows:

- i. Inspection fee TZS 100,000.
- ii. Testing fees - varies depending on the product.
- iii. Batch certification fees - 0.2% of the summation of cost and freight (C&F).
- iv. Imported goods which require physical verification inspection, the importer shall pay physical verification fees and service fees which amount to TZS 180,000/=
- v. Imported small quantity goods, some personal effects, diplomatic goods which are regulated by TBS, Importer shall be required to pay service fee TZS 30,000.

#### **D. CONDUCTING INSPECTION AND SAMPLING**

Physical inspection and/or sampling is conducted by TBS inspector at the port of entry and inspection report is filled in Online Application System. Inspection report is accepted by client via Online Application System. The sample(s) collected during inspection are dispatched to respective TBS laboratory for compliance checking.

#### **E. LABORATORY ANALYSIS**

Testing and/or evaluation of collected samples are performed against appropriate standards/ approved specifications at TBS laboratory. The obtained test results/reports are channeled to importers.

#### **F. ISSUING CLEARANCE PERMIT AND/OR BATCH CERTIFICATE**

Clearance permit is used to release/clear the consignment at the port of entry. Batch certificate is issued to the inspected consignment if tested sample conforms to requirements of the relevant standard/ approved specification.

**N.B:**

1. If the product proved not conforms to requirements of the relevant standard, is deemed for either re-export to the country of origin or disposed of at the cost of the importer.
2. Imported goods which are not-regulated by the Bureau and TBS certified goods are released free of charges.
3. All consignment regulated under PVoC program imported without being inspected from country of export will attract penalty of 15% of the summation of cost, freight and insurance (CIF) and destination inspection fees as prescribed above.
4. Since testing may take some time, the importer is allowed to apply for conditional release via OAS after completion of inspection and collection of sample for testing at the port of entry/ entry point. Conditional release allows the consignment to be released from the port of entry/entry point to the importer's premises to avoid storage charges and/or demurrages. The importer will be required to fill in conditional release form as a commitment not to distribute or use or sell or transfer the product until the test results is out from TBS.
5. Food and cosmetics products shall be registered before importation; thus importer(s) shall provide sample(s) prior to actual importation.