

**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

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**THE SUGAR INDUSTRY ACT  
(CAP.251)**

**REGULATIONS**

*(Made under section 29)*

**THE SUGAR INDUSTRY (AMENDMENTS) REGULATION, 2015**

Citation and  
commencement  
G.N. No. 419 of  
2010

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sugar Industry (Amendments) Regulations, 2015 and shall be read as one with the Sugar Industry Regulations, 2010 herein after referred to as the "principal Regulations.

Amendment of  
regulation 3

2. The principal Regulations is amended in Regulation 3 by adding in its alphabetical order the following definitions:

"authorized officer" means an officer of the Board or any Government official duly authorised or authorized to undertake any activity on behalf of the Board or the Government in respect of enforcement of the Act and these Regulations;

"bulk procurement" means a process whereby the sugar is procured and imported in a larger quantity through a consortium as provided for under regulation 78A of these Regulations;



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“committee” means a Technical Advisory committee on sugar importation as established under regulation 53;

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“consortium” means a company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Company Act to undertake bulk sugar procurement.

Addition of regulation 10A

3. The principal Regulations is amended by adding immediately after regulation 10 the following new regulation-

Formation of growers association

10A.-(1) There may be formed a sugarcane growers' association for purposes of carrying out commercial activities with the miller.

(2) The formation of sugar cane growers association under these Regulation shall require prior approval of the Board upon application by the groups intending to form an association for such purposes.

(3) In considering whether or not to grant an approval for formation of growers association referred under sub-regulation (1), the Board shall consider the following:

- (a) economic viability and justification for formation of such an association in terms of tonnage of cane that can be delivered to the mill;
- (b) geographical location of fields of the members of the group intending to form an association;



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(c) a no objection by the miller expressing willingness to enter into commercial partnership with the group intending to form as an association.

Addition of regulation 36A and 36B

4. The principal Regulations is amended by adding immediately after regulation 36 the following new regulations -

"Requirement to provide evidence

36A.-(1) A person who sells sugar or displays sugar for sale shall, on request by an authorized officer, produce original evidence of purchase of such sugar from the seller of such sugar.

(2) A person who fails to comply with the requirement of sub regulation (1) commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than fifteen million shillings or three times the value of the consignment he has failed to show its evidence, whichever is higher, or to imprisonment for a term not less than five years.

Restriction to re-pack sugar

36B.-(1) Without prejudice to any other written law, a person shall not re-pack sugar into any size, material or brand different from its original packaging without an approval of the Board.

(2) All packages of



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imported sugar, whether re-packed or in original packaging, shall carry in bold print, the name and contact details of the manufacturer and a country of origin."

(3) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than ten million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not less than three years or to both.

Amendment of regulation 53

5. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 53 by adding immediately after sub regulation (2) the following:

"(3) The importation of sugar for trade, or for domestic use, shall be done in bulk procurement through consortium.

(4) The Board may from time to time, issue guidelines in respect of operationalization of the consortium."

Addition of new regulations

6. The principal Regulations is amended by adding immediately after regulation 53 the following new regulations-

"Functions of the Committee

53A.-(1) Without prejudice to regulation 53(3), the functions of the Committee shall be -

(a) to advise the Board on sugar import requirements over a given period;



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- (b) to consider applications, and to advise the Board on registration for users of industrial sugar and any matters related thereto;
- (c) to prepare guidelines in respect of persons eligible for sugar allocation;
- (d) to advise consortium on when it is required to import sugar through bulk procurement;
- (e) to determine on appropriate deterrent measures to prevent illegal importation of sugar including the handling of transit sugar;
- (f) to determine on measures to be taken to ensure sufficient domestic sugar production;
- (g) to recommend to the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance on import tariff to be imposed on the



imported sugar,  
taking into account  
the need to ensure  
efficiency,  
competitiveness in  
protection of  
domestic sugar  
industry;

(h) to advise on the  
preparation of  
guidelines in  
respect of -

(i) bulk sugar  
procurement;

(ii) persons  
eligible to  
be sugar  
distributors  
; and

(iii) anything  
that  
requires  
effective  
regulations  
of sugar  
importation

(i) to consider  
applications for  
industrial sugar  
import licenses  
and advise the  
Board on granting  
of import licenses  
to applicants,  
quantities of sugar  
for each license  
and any other



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matter related to the licenses to be issued;

- (j) to monitor administration of bulk sugar procurement with a view of ensuring its proper management; and
- (k) to advise the Board on any other matter related to importation and marketing of sugar.

(2) The Committee shall, in advising the Board on sugar importation, be guided by the sugar requirements specified in regulation 71 of these Regulations.

(3) In determining the amount of sugar to be imported, the Committee shall take into account among other things, sugar gap between local productions and consumption including sugar that is needed to maintain a buffer stock in the country.

(4) The Board and Committee may, when discharge its functions under these Regulations-

- (a) demand from any manufacturer, cane grower, wholesale or retail dealer in



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sugar, or from any category of manufacturer or cane grower, returns in a manner as the Board or Committee may require,

(b) demand and obtain from the Commissioner of Customs or any officer of customs any information related to sugar importation from time to time as the Board or Committee may require;

(c) summon to a meeting of the Board or Committee any manufacturer, or wholesale or retail dealer in sugar, and may question him for the purpose of obtaining information relative to the manufacture of sugar or stocks thereof and any such summons shall be issued by



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the Director General shall give at least three days' clear notice to the person summoned of the time and place of the meeting;

(d) demand and obtain from any person concerned with the sale or purchase of any sugar with respect to such sale or purchase, as the case may be, of the sugar, and such other information as the committee may require;

(e) order from time to time the inspection of any stocks of sugar held by, or under the control of a manufacturer or any other person, by an officer of Customs or any authority, and may require any such person as aforesaid to furnish returns in respect of such stocks of sugar; and



(f) order from time to time the inspection of any stocks of sugar held by any retail dealer, by an officer of Customs or any authority, and may require a report with respect to the result of such inspection.

(5) Any person who-

(a) fails to furnish any information required by the Board or Committee in exercise of the duties or powers under these Regulations, or to comply with any demand, summons or requirement by the Board;

(b) assaults, impedes or obstructs or aids or abets any person in assaulting, impeding or obstructing any member of the Board or any person authorized by the Board in the exercise of any of the powers under this



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regulation; or

- (c) knowingly makes any false or incorrect return, or knowingly gives any false or incorrect information,

commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than ten million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not less than three years or to both.

Enhancing  
domestic sugar  
production

53B.-(1) In order to ensure that the country achieves sugar self-sufficiency, the government shall, subject to the applicable policies and legislative frameworks-

- (a) create conducive environment which support domestic sugar production through smallholder cane growers and local sugar factories;
- (b) strengthen the enforcement of the law governing sugar industry to ensure compliance by all stakeholders;



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(c) put in place regulatory mechanism to control illegal import of sugar;

(d) take legal action for any person who hoard sugar to cause an artificial shortage; and

(e) encourage investments in domestic sugar manufacturing.

(2) In determining the importation of sugar and the tariff to be imposed, the Board and any other authority shall ensure that any decision thereof promotes competitiveness and creates favourable environment for the growth of local sugar industry."

Addition of regulation 54A

7. The principal Regulations is amended adding immediately after regulation 54 the following:

"Mode of importation

54A.-(1) Save for the industrial sugar, the importation of sugar in the country for domestic use or trading purposes shall be through bulk procurement.

(2) The procedure for sugar import under bulk procurement shall be as prescribed in these Regulations or any other rules made by the Board



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from time to time.

(3) Notwithstanding sub regulation(1), where there is an emergency or disastrous situation and bulk procurement cannot be achieved, the Minister may, upon an advice by Board, authorise the Board to approve sugar for trading purposes to be imported through any other appropriate mode.

Declaration of  
entry points

54B.-(1) The Board may, from time to time, by Order published in the *Gazette*, declare the official ports of entry for imported sugar.

(2) A person importing sugar through any port other than official ports of entry so declared or recognised under these Regulations, commits an offence.

(3) A person who contravenes sub regulation (2) commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than twenty million shillings or three times the value of the consignment he has been found with, whichever is higher, or to imprisonment for a term not less than seven



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years.

Amendment of  
regulation 55

8. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 55 by-
- (a) designating regulation 55 as regulation 55(1); and
  - (b) adding immediately after sub regulation (1) the following:

“(2) The Board shall maintain an up-to-date register of all licenses issued to registered importers of industrial sugar.”

Amendment of  
regulation 56

9. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 56 by-
- (a) designating regulation 56 as regulation 56(1);
  - (b) inserting the word “industrial” between the words “registration of” and importers” under regulation 56(1).

Deletion and  
substitution of  
regulation 58

10. The principal Regulations is amended by deleting and substituting regulation 58 with the following-

“Applicant to  
furnish  
information

58.-(1) An applicant for registration as importer of sugar for industrial use shall furnish the following information to the Board-

- (a) name of business; directors and owners;
- (b) permanent correspondence address;
- (c) principal



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- location of business;
- (d) branches or depots and their locations;
- (e) addresses and locations of business agents;
- (f) type of trade and merchandise;
- (g) quantity and quality of sugar imported for the past three years;
- (h) copies of Tax Identification Number, Value Added Tax, registration certificates and trading certificates;
- (i) copy of certificate of incorporation;
- (j) copy of industrial license;
- (k) type of products to be produced using sugar as one of the raw material;
- (l) unit of sugar utilized per



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- unit of product;
- (m) specification of sugar required;
- (n) factory installed capacity and the current utilized capacity; and
- (o) except for newly established enterprises, quantities of products produced and quantity of sugar utilized in production during the last three years.

(2) The applicant who wishes to renew a licence under this regulation shall be required to submit to the Board the records in respect of previous allocation, which includes tax returns and sales volume of sugar.

Amendment of regulation 59

11. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 59 by-

- (a) deleting sub regulation (1) and substituting for it the following-

“(1) Upon being satisfied with the requirements set out under regulation 69, the Board shall register applicants under



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category "B" as importers of sugar for industrial use purpose.",

- (b) deleting sub regulation (2);
- (c) renumbering sub regulation (3) as sub regulation (2).

Amendment of regulation 60

12. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 60 by deleting the words "for any purpose" and substituting for them the words " under category "B" or category "C"

Amendment of regulation 61

13. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 61 by-

- (a) deleting paragraph (a);
- (b) renumbering paragraphs (b) to (g) as paragraphs (a) to (f) respectively.

Amendment of regulation 67

14. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 67 by-

- (a) adding the phrase "and the court shall order for forfeiture" at the end of sub regulation (2).
- (b) adding immediately after sub regulation (2) the following:

"(3) Any sugar smuggled or otherwise imported into the country without authority of the Board shall be deemed to be prohibited under section 18 (2) of the East African Customs Management Act, 2004.

(4) Where the imported sugar forfeited under sub regulation (2) is found to be unfit for human consumption, the accused shall be ordered to destroy that sugar at his own expenses under close supervision of relevant authorities.

(5) In the proceedings for the forfeiture of sugar under this regulation,



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the *onus of proof* shall lie on the person claiming the sugar and it shall not be necessary for the person prosecuting the suit to prove that the sugar is liable to seizure or forfeiture.

(6) The officers of Customs or any person acting with their concurrence may stop any ship or boat which they have reason to suspect has on board any sugar of which the importation or exportation is prohibited under the Act or these Regulations, and may detain such ship or boat until search has been made and such sugar if found has been seized and removed.

Amendment of  
regulation 68

15. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 68 by-

- (a) designating regulation 68 as regulation 68(1);
- (b) inserting the word "industrial" between the words "Board for" and importer" that appears under sub regulation (1).

Amendment of  
regulation 69

16. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 69 by-

- (a) deleting the word "three" and category "A" that appears under sub regulation (1) and substituting for it the word "two"
- (b) deleting sub regulation (2);
- (c) renumbering sub regulation (3), (4) and (5) as sub regulations (2), (3) and (4) respectively.

Amendment of  
regulation 71

17. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 71 by-

- (a) deleting sub regulation (2) and substituting for it the following:



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“(2) In determining the amount of sugar to be imported for trading purposes, the Board shall take into account among other things, the advice of the Committee on sugar gap between local production and consumption, including sugar that is needed to maintain a buffer stock in the country.”

- (b) deleting category “A” that appears under sub regulation (4).

Revocation of regulation 72

18. The principal Regulations is amended by revoking regulation 72 and renumbering the rest of the regulations accordingly.

Amendment of regulation 74

19. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 74 by-

- (a) deleting paragraphs (a) and (d);  
(b) renumbering paragraphs (b), (c) and (e) as paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) respectively.

Addition of regulation 78A.

20. The principal Regulations is amended by adding immediately after regulation 78 the following new regulation -

“Bulk sugar imports

78A.-(1) For the purposes of importing sugar under bulk procurement arrangement, the Board shall facilitate the formation of consortium.

(2) The consortium formed under sub regulation (1) shall be a non-profit company which shall constitute of the following-

- (a) sugar cane growers including smallholder sugar growers ;  
(b) sugar manufactures;



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Functions of the  
consortium

and  
(c) sugar traders.

78B.-(1) The functions  
of the sugar consortium shall  
be to-

- (a) import sugar for domestic use from reputable source for domestic use of its disposition through distribution networks in the country;
- (b) ensure that the imported sugar is sold to interested sugar traders at a determined price;
- (c) observe sugar industry policy, law of regulations in order to promote domestic production;
- (d) ensure that sugar imports are done in orderly manner and all relevant tariffs are duly paid;
- (e) undertake any other functions as the Board may from time to time prescribe in the guidelines.



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(2) The consortium shall, before undertaking any import of sugar under bulk procurement, be required to obtain a licence from the Board.

(3) No person, who is a party to an agreement with the consortium for sale or distribution of bulk imported sugar, shall make available or cause to be made available such sugar except through the approved distribution networks.

(4) Any person who shall make any sugar available for local consumption, or cause the same to be made available for local consumption, contrary to sub regulation (3) or guidelines made thereunder shall, on summary conviction before, be liable to a fixed penalty of five million per ton or part of a ton of such sugar and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment, for any term not less than two years to both.

Importation  
and allocation  
of imported  
sugar

78C. A company that has won the bid for the importation of sugar under bulk procurement arrangement shall import the amount of sugar as prescribed by the consortium and shall



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allocate such sugar in a manner prescribed by the consortium.

Financing of  
sugar  
importation

78D. Persons allocated sugar in accordance with regulation 78C shall finance the agent and importing company in a manner determined by the consortium.

Verification  
of documents  
relating to  
industrial  
sugar

78E-(1) All industrial sugar importers shall, on arrival of consignment, provide to the Board, original or certified true copies of importation documents and evidence of payment of duties and levies if any.

(2) Subject to any other relevant written law, the consignment of imports of industrial sugar shall, prior to its release, be physically verified by the authorized Board officials.

(3) Where the Board during verification, discovers that the consignment does not comply with the conditions governing industrial sugar importation as provided for in the Act and in these Regulations it shall refuse to issue an approval for release of such consignment.

(4) Notwithstanding the provision of sub regulation (3), the



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consignment which is found to contravene the provisions of these Regulations shall be forfeited and dealt with in the manner which the Board shall deem fit:

(5) Any user of industrial sugar shall be required to use such imported sugar for industrial purposes only and shall not sell or distribute for domestic use or trading purpose.

(6) In order to ensure that the importers of industrial sugar comply with the licence requirements for the imported sugar, the Board shall in collaboration with relevant institutions, undertake regular audit and supervision of the users of industrial sugar

(7) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this regulation, commits an offence and in addition to any penalty imposed under the Act the Board may -

- (a) withdrawal any issued licence or permit issued to the violator;
- (b) confiscate all sugar or part thereof and deal with it in the manner which the Board shall deem fit, request any other relevant authority to take appropriate measures to



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contain the said sugar found to contravene the provisions of these Regulations."

Amendment of regulation 79.

21. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 79 by deleting sub regulation (1) and substituting for it with the following-

"(1) Any person who imports sugar into mainland Tanzania shall pay to the Board a sugar levy of United States Dollars 6.00 per metric ton or its equivalent in Tanzania shillings."

Amendment of regulation 87

22. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 87 by adding immediately thereafter the following new regulations-

"Enforcement of shared functions

87A. Without prejudice to any measure imposed under the Act or as agreed upon by the stakeholders, the Board may refuse to issue or withdraw any license, permit or authorization to any stakeholder who fails to comply with the agreed financing mechanisms of the shared functions under the Act and these Regulations.

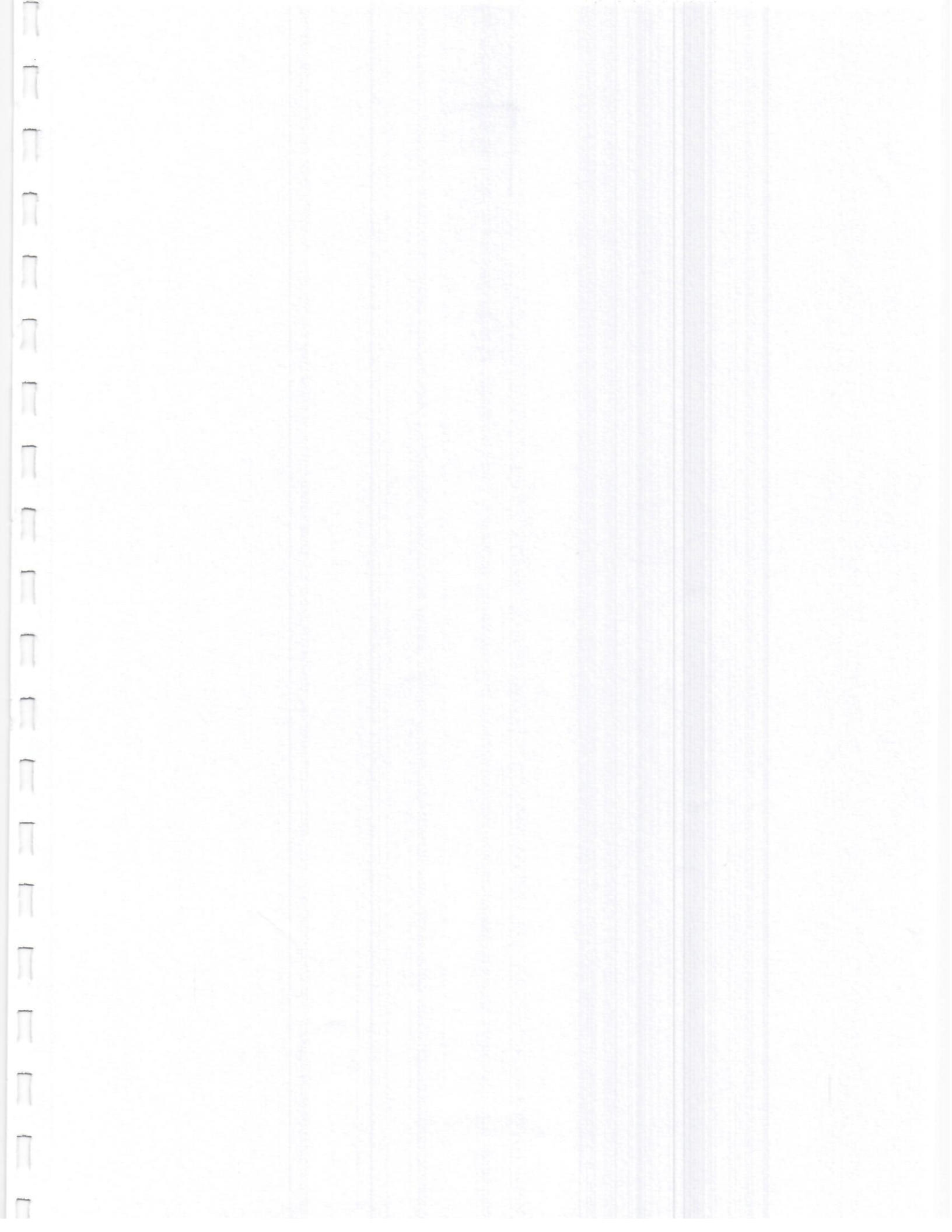
Amendment of regulation 89

23. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 89 by adding immediately thereafter the following new regulations

"Sugar industry control measures

89A.-(1) The Minister may, in consultation with relevant authorities, set up control measures to deal with







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constraints of the development of sugar industry including setting of a committee comprising the Board and other relevant institutions to coordinate the inspection and certification of imported sugar.

(2) In dealing with the illegal diversion of uncustomed transit sugar, the Board may consult relevant authorities to put in place additional control measures from time to time.

(3) The Minister responsible for finance may, by notice in the *Gazette*, establish an advisory committee to investigate cases of dumping or subsidization of sugar imported to Tanzania and the findings of the Committee shall be submitted to the Minister.

Sugar to comply with standards

89B. All sugar for consumption in the country shall comply with the standards as follows:

- (a) quality specification as prescribed by the regulatory bodies or any



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other written laws; and

- (b) environmental issues as set by the body for the time being responsible for environmental matters.

Sugar importation to comply with regional and International agreement

89C. Subject to regional and international trade agreements to which Tanzania is a party, all sugar imports into the country shall be subject to the prevailing import duties, taxes and other tariffs and such imports shall be controlled by the Board.

Sugar found unfit for intended purpose

89D.-(1) Where upon inspection an authorised officer of the Board is satisfied that sugar is not fit for intended purpose or that any provision of the Act or Regulations has been contravened, he may-

(a) affix to that sugar a mark, seal or other designation; or

(b) issue a stop sale order; or

(c) without compensation, destroy or dispose of that sugar at the



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owner's cost.

(2) Any authorised officer shall, before destroying or disposing of any sugar in accordance with sub regulation (1)-

record or cause to be recorded -

- (i) a description or other particulars of the sugar;
- (ii) description of premises where the sugar was found;
- (iii) any witness available and their signatures; and
- (iv) the grounds upon which the seizure was effected.

Amendment of the  
Second Schedule

24. The Second Schedule to the Regulations is deleted and replaced with the following-

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SECOND SCHEDULE

(Made under regulation 53(2))

Composition of  
the Technical  
Committee

1.-(1) The Technical Committee on Sugar importation shall be composed of the following members to be appointed by the Board-

- (a) representative from the Ministry responsible for Agriculture;
- (b) a representative from the Ministry responsible for Industries and Trade;
- (c) a representative from the Tanzania Revenue Authority;
- (d) a representative from the Ministry responsible for Finance;
- (e) a representative from the Tanzania Port Authority;



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- (f) a representative from the Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority; and
- (g) a representative from the Tanzania Bureau of Standards.

(2) The Director General of the Board shall be the Secretary to the Committee.

(3) The Committee may, co-opt any person who is in a position to assist the Committee in its deliberations as it may determine from time to time.

Chairman of the  
Committee

2.-(1) The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected by the member of the committee amongst themselves and shall hold office for the entire period of the Committee's tenure.

(2) The Chairman may resign from his Office by a letter addressed to the appointing authority and a copy to the Board.

(3) The vacancy caused in the Office of the Chairman by such resignation shall be filled by election by members of another member of the Committee as Chairman, and the Chairman so appointed shall hold office for so long as the Chairman whose place he fills would have been entitled to hold the office, had he not resigned.

(4) The Committee shall elect a vice-chairman from amongst its members.

Meetings of the  
Committee

3.-(1) The Committee shall meet at such times as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of its business.

(2) All meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Chairman.

(3) The members shall be notified of such meeting at least seven days prior to the meeting.

(4) The Chairman shall have the power at any time at his discretion to convene a meeting in case of urgency at not less than 24 hours' notice and may adjourn any meeting from time to time.

(5) Any question arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes.

(6) The method of voting shall be by a show of hands and if so requested by two or more members, voting shall be conducted through secret ballot.

(7) Each member shall have one vote and if there shall be an equality of votes on any question to be decided by a Committee, the Chairman or if the Vice-Chairman or any other Member is presiding, the Vice-Chairman or such Member, as the case may be presiding shall have a casting vote.

(8) A resolution in writing signed by all the members of the Committee shall be as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in a like form each signed by one or more of the



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members of the Committee.

(9) At least one third of the number of members of a Committee but not less than three members may, by a requisition in writing signed by them, require the Chairman to call a meeting at any time and on receipt of such a requisition the Chairman shall call a meeting of the Committee at an early date.

Quorum

4. The quorum of any meeting of the Committee shall be half of the members.

Proposals to be considered at meetings or by circulation

5. Any proposal which a Committee is required to consider may be referred to all its members either at its meetings or by circulation among all its members and any proposal so circulated and approved by a majority of members by signing it shall be as effectual and binding as if such had been passed at a meeting of the Committee, provided that at least one-third of the total number of members of a Committee but not less than three members have recorded their views on the proposal.

List of business

6.-(1) The Secretary shall, with the approval of the Chairman or in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, cause to be prepared and circulated amongst the members at least 7 days before the meeting, the list of business to be considered by that meeting.

(2) If any member desires to suggest any subject for discussion by a Committee, he shall give at least 10 days' clear notice.

(3) No business not in the list shall be considered without the approval of the Chairman or where the Vice-Chairman is presiding over the meeting, of the Vice-Chairman.

Procedure of meeting

7.-(1) The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, shall preside over the meetings of a Committee and where both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent the Members present shall elect a Chairman from amongst themselves.

(2) One-third of the total number of members of a Committee but not less than three members, present in person shall form a quorum at a meeting.

(3) In case of difference of opinion amongst the members of a Committee present at a meeting, the opinion of the majority shall prevail.

Duties of Secretary

8. The Secretary of a Committee shall be in-charge of its office and shall be responsible for the correspondence of the Committee as follows-

(a) he shall maintain a record of all business transacted



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by the Committee.

- (b) he shall carry out such duties as are assigned to him by the Committee in the discharge of the functions assigned to it under these Regulations.
- (c) he shall present all required information to the Committee necessary for the Committee to decide its matters and forward to the Ministry and all represented Ministries or Departments, any report on the activities of the Committee after every meeting for reports.

Minutes

9. Minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be kept by the Secretary and the same shall be confirmed at the next meeting of the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

Authentication of acts and proceedings

10.-(1) All acts and proceedings of a Committee when endorsed by the Chairman or by the Vice - Chairman or Member shall, with the approval of Chairman be deemed to be true proceedings of the Committee.

(2) The Chairman or the Vice-Chairman or the Member-Secretary with the approval of the Chairman shall perform such of the functions as assigned to them on behalf of the Committee in accordance with its decisions.

Validation of acts and proceedings

11. No act or proceedings of a Committee shall be invalidated or questioned on the ground merely or any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of the Committee.

Confidentiality

12.-(1) All documents, information, transactions and recommendations of the Committee shall be strictly confidential to the committee and the Board.

(2) All communications to any party interested in or otherwise affected by any transaction, and recommendations of the Committee shall be made by the Board.

Members to declare interest

13.-(1) Any member representing a party or parties or institution with interest on an application or any matter being deliberated by the committee shall declare his interest to the fellow members.

(2) Where a member has declared any interest as provided under sub regulation (1), he shall not take part in or be present at the consideration or discussion of, any question with respect to the application or any matter being deliberated by the Committee.



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Tenure of appointment of members

14.-(1) A member of a Committee shall hold office for three years from the date of his appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(2) A member of a Committee may resign his office by letter addressed to the appointing authority with a copy to the Board.

Cessation of membership under certain circumstances

15. A member of a Committee shall cease to be member on the happening of any of the following events, namely-

- (a) if he resigns,
- (b) becomes of unsound mind, or
- (c) becomes insolvent or be convicted of criminal offence involving moral turpitude.

Filling of vacancies

16.-(1) Any vacancy in the membership of a Committee caused by any reason shall be filled by appointment by the appointing authority.

(2) A member appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for so long as the member whose place he fills would have been entitled to hold office if the vacancy had not occurred.

Appointment of substitutes

17. Should a person appointed as member of the Committee be prevented from attending a meeting of the Committee, a substitute to take his place may be nominated by the represented organization or institution and such substitute shall have the rights and privileges as a member for that meeting only.

Power of Committee to appoint sub-committees

18. For proper discharging of its functions and its powers, the Committee shall have the power to appoint such number of sub-committees as it may think fit and refer to such sub-committees specific questions for consideration."

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