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REGULATIONS, 2025**

**[Made under section 36 (2) (b) and (c)]**

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**IN EXCERSICE** of the powers conferred upon me under section 36(2)(b) and (c) of the Zanzibar Standards Act, No.1 of 2011, I, ....., Minister for Trade and Industrial Development, do hereby make the following Regulations:

Short title and Commencement.	1. These Regulations may be cited as the Zanzibar Bureau of Standards Regulations (Compounding of Offences), 2025. and shall come into operation immediately after being signed by the Minister and published in the Gazette.
Interpretation	2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires- “Act” means the Zanzibar Standards Act No 1 of 2011; “Bureau” means the Zanzibar Bureau of Standards established under section 4 of the Act; “compounding” means settlement mechanism of the Bureau to give a defaulter an option to pay a sum of money in lieu of the offence committed upon admission and acceptance in writing by the defaulter ; and “Director General” means the Director General appointed under section 6 (1) of the Act. “FoB” means Freight on Board
Compounding of offences	3. Subject to the provisions of section 25 of the Act, where a person has committed any offence under the Act or its regulations, the Bureau may, at any time prior to the commencement of the proceedings by any Court of competent jurisdiction, compound such offence and order such person to pay such sum of money not exceeding twenty million Tanzania shillings.
Notification of offences	4.-(1) Where an offence is committed, the Director General or an authorized officer of the Bureau shall serve that person with a notification form in a manner prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations or fourteen days notice which requires a defaulter to give an explanation in relation to the committed offence.

	<p>(2) Upon admission of an offence by the defaulter in writing, the Bureau shall charge penalty of thirty percent of the FOB value of non-conforming products provided that such penalty shall not exceed twenty million Tanzania shillings.</p> <p>(3) For the domestic manufactured non-conforming products whose value cannot be established the following criteria shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) capital investment of the defaulter excluding building;</li> <li>(b) record of the commission of the offence with regard to the Zanzibar Standards Act; and</li> <li>(c) any other criteria as the Bureau may determine.</li> </ul> <p>(4) Subject to sub regulations (2) and (3) of regulation 5, the Bureau shall serve a defaulter with a fourteen days penalty written notice stating the sum for which the offence shall be compounded and the date by which the sum shall be paid.</p> <p>(5) A person who fails to respond to the notice as provided under sub regulation (4), shall be prosecuted in the court of law.</p>
Payment procedures	<p>5.-(1) Where the person accepts the offence to be compounded shall pay the compounded amount into the account prescribed by the Bureau and an official receipt shall be issued.</p> <p>(2) Payment shall be effected electronically or through banking system within fourteen days from the date of issuance of the debit invoice.</p> <p>(3) In not more than two instalments, The Bureau may accept any sum of the correct amount paid by defaulter upon providing sufficient reasons.</p> <p>(4) Without prejudice to sub regulation (2), Director General may extend time for payment not more than 14 days upon satisfaction with the reasons advanced by the defaulter.</p> <p>A person who fails to pay the compounded amount in accordance with sub regulation (1) shall be prosecuted in court of law of competent jurisdiction and upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 26 of the Act.</p>
Report to Director of Public Prosecutions	<p><b>6. Director General shall, subject to section 9A of the National Prosecutions Services Act, submit monthly reports of all compounded offences under these Regulations and the Act to the Director of Public Prosecutions which shall contain the following information-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) name and particulars of the offender;</li> <li>(b) offence committed and the relevant provision;</li> <li>(c) date and place in which the offence was committed;</li> <li>(d) compounded amount; and</li> <li>(e) any other relevant information.</li> </ul>

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*(Made under regulation 4(1))*

**PART A NOTIFICATION FORM**

To: .....

P.O. Box: .....

Physical address: .....

Mobile No. ....

Email.....

1. You are alleged with the offence of .....  
(Particulars of the offence) that on the dd/mm/yy at.....You (brief facts of the offence).....
2. If you voluntarily admit to commit an offence(s) without undue influence, in liue of criminal proceedings thereof, complete Part B of this form.

**PART B**  
**ADMISSION OF COMPOUNDED OFFENCE**

I.....of ..... voluntarily plea guilty to the offence of.....contrary to the section.....of the Zanzibar Standards Act, No. 1 of 2011 in lieu of criminal proceedings thereof.

Without undue influence I request the offence(s) be compounded as per section 25 of the Zanzibar Standards Act No. 1 of 2011 and the regulations made thereunder.

I hereby accept the liability to pay a fine as may be prescribed by the Bureau from the date of notification being the statutory penalty for the offence(s) which I have plead guilty.

Name of defaulter:.....

Signature:.....

Date:.....

Executed by:.....

Title .....

Signature .....

Date :.....

**SIGNED on this .....**

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(.....)  
**MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**