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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon me under section 36(2) (h) of the Zanzibar Standards Act, No.1 of 2011, I,, Minister responsible for Trade, do hereby make the following Regulations:

PART ONE PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS	
Short title and commencement	1. These Regulations may be cited as the Zanzibar Bureau of Standards (Recall, Seizure and Disposal of Products) Regulations, 2025 and shall come into operation immediately after being signed by the Minister and published in the official Gazette.
Interpretation	2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires- “Act” means the Standards Act No. 1 of 2011; “Bureau” means the Zanzibar Bureau of Standards established by section 4.(1) of the Act; “Commodity” means goods, products, articles of trade or services designed to be released or launched in a market. "Disposal" means the process of rendering unfit products harmless for the duration of their removal, ensuring they do not pose any risk to health, safety, or the environment. “Standard inspector” means an inspector appointed under section 21(1) of the Act; “importer” means person or institutions importing commodities or products; “Minister” means the Minister responsible for trade; “product” means goods or services designed to be released or launched in a market; “recall” means the removal of specific batch or batches of a commodity or product from the market for reasons relating to deficiencies in the quality, safety or efficacy; “seizure” means the action of capturing suspected or unsafe or unfit product or commodity for further action;

	<p>“supplier” means an individual, company, or organization that provides goods, services, or materials to another entity. and</p> <p>“unfit product” means a product violating any provision of the Act and these Regulations.</p>
<p>PART TWO</p> <p>RECALL OF COMMODITY OR PRODUCT</p>	
Notification of unfit product	<p>3.-(1) An importer, supplier, or manufacturer who suspects on reasonable grounds that a product or commodity is defective or presents a risk of injury to human health (safety) or endanger environment or does not meet the requirements of the Act, shall immediately, report the matter to the Bureau and carry out an investigation.</p>
	<p>(2) Subject to sub regulation (1), where the investigation establishes that the product or commodity is defective or presents a risk of injury to human health or endanger environment or does not meet the requirements of the Act, the importer, supplier or manufacturer shall immediately notify the Bureau and take action to mitigate the risk.</p>
	<p>(3) On or before undertaking an investigation referred to in sub regulation (1), the supplier or manufacturer shall provide the Bureau with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) proprietary name and generic name, batch or lot number, or unique identification information, pack size, the name and address of the manufacturer, manufacturing date and expiry date; (b) the nature of the defectiveness or possible defectiveness, the date on and circumstances under which the defects or possible defects were discovered; (c) the total quantity of the defective products or commodity originally in possession of the supplier or manufacturer; (d) the date on which distribution of the product or commodity began; (e) the total quantity of the defective products or commodity that had been distributed up to the time of the reporting the matter to the Bureau; (f) area of distribution of the defective products or

	<p>commodity;</p> <p>(g) list of customers and their respective contact information and quantity of the product or commodity to whom the product or commodity was distributed; and</p> <p>(h) the quantity of the recalled products or commodities still in his possession.</p>
	<p>(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub regulation (1), the importer or supplier or manufacturer may voluntarily initiate a recall of any product or commodity after receiving complaints from users or upon proof after investigation that such product has caused or is about to cause injury to the health or safety of users or endangers environment or defectiveness or substandard or unfit.</p>
	<p>(5) The Importer or supplier or manufacturer who voluntarily initiate a recall under sub regulation (4), shall be required to comply with the requirements stipulated under sub regulation (1) of this regulation.</p>
	<p>(6) On or before undertaking a recall referred to in sub regulation (1), the importer or supplier or manufacturer of product or commodity shall provide the Bureau with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) proprietary name and generic name, batch or lot number or unique identification information, pack size, the name and address of the manufacturer, manufacturing date and expiry date; (b) the reason for the recall, the nature of the defectiveness or possible defectiveness or substandard or unfit, the date on and circumstances under which the defects or possible defects were discovered; (c) the total quantity of the product being recalled originally in possession of the supplier or manufacturer; (d) the date on which distribution of the product began; (e) the total quantity of the product being recalled that had been distributed up to the time of the recall; (f) area of distribution of the product; (g) list of customers and their respective contact information and quantity of the product or commodity

	<p>to whom product was distributed; and</p> <p>(h) the quantity of the recalled product or commodity still in possession of the supplier or manufacturer.</p>
Investigation by Bureau and notification to Minister	4.-(1) The Bureau shall, upon receiving information or in any way becoming aware that a product or commodity is defective or substandard or unfit or presents a risk of injury to human health or endanger environment or does not meet the requirements of the Act, conduct an investigation into the matter.
	(2) Subject to sub regulation (1), the Bureau shall, upon investigation, notify the Minister for approval to recall the product or commodity as a mitigating measure
	<p>(3) Upon issuance of a recall order, the supplier or manufacturer shall, on its own costs-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) immediately comply with the requirements or directives in the order; (c) implement the recall procedure as per these Regulations; and (d) prepare and submit to the Bureau a weekly progress report or as may be specified by the Bureau on the implementation of the recall order, and the final report of the implementation of the recall order within the period specified therein or under these Regulations which shall also include- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) reconciliation between delivered and recovered quantities of the product or commodity; (ii) detailed causes of the defect; and corrective and preventive actions undertaken.
Responsibility of supplier and manufacturer	5. A supplier or manufacturer shall prepare, keep and maintain documents that set out procedure for receiving, investigating and responding to complaints that are received in relation to its product or commodity.
Recall procedure	6. A supplier or manufacturer shall prepare, keep and maintain a document that set out a recall procedure that enables the effective recall of a product or commodity, the name of a contact person who is responsible for the procedure and the name of a contact person who is responsible for conducting recalls.
Prohibition to sell products subjected to recall	7. A person shall not sell, offer or expose for sale or supply any product or commodity subjected to recall.
Health risk evaluation	8. Where the recall concerns a product or commodity that poses a

	health risk, the Bureau shall conduct evaluation and take appropriate measures.
PART III SEIZURE, DISPOSAL AND HANDLING OF UNFIT PRODUCTS OR COMMODITIES	
Seizure of unsafe or substandard product or commodities	<p>9.-(1) Any product or commodity which is proved or suspected to be unsafe or substandard shall be seized by Bureau in a manner prescribed under these Regulations.</p> <p>(2) A Standard Inspector shall, upon seizure of the product pursuant to sub regulation (1), mark it and removes or leave it under the care of the owner or agent, and he shall fill seizure form as prescribed in the First Schedule to these Regulations.</p> <p>(3) Upon seizure of the suspected product pursuant to sub regulation (1), The bureau shall conduct investigation on the seized product.</p> <p>(4) If the suspected products, is proved to be safe, the bureau shall release the seized product.</p> <p>(5) Any product or commodity which is proved unsafe, shall be seized until an order for its disposal or destruction is issued by the Bureau.</p> <p>(6) In effecting the seizure of any product or commodity under this regulation, a standard inspector may, in writing, notify a nearby police station to provide security during seizure.</p> <p>(7) All accrued costs on seized products or commodities shall be borne by the owner or his agent.</p> <p>(8) The owner of the products or commodities which have been seized may, within fourteen (14) working days from the date of service of the notice of seizure apply in writing to the Director General for reconsideration.</p> <p>(9) Subject to sub regulation (8), where the Bureau is satisfied that no application has been made within fourteen days, the products or commodities seized shall be forfeited and disposed off at the cost of the owner or his agent.</p>
Restriction of disposal of unfit product or commodity	10. A person shall not dispose off any product or commodity declared by the Bureau to be unsafe or substandard unless he has requested the Bureau and secured a written approval to proceed with disposal under supervision of the Bureau.
Request for voluntary disposal of unsafe or substandard products or	<p>11.-(1) Request to dispose the products or commodities voluntarily recalled shall be made to the Bureau in writing.</p> <p>(2) A request shall be accompanied by a list and respective quantity of products or commodities to be disposed.</p>

commodities	<p>(3) Subject to sub regulation (2), the Bureau shall inform the applicant to liaise with relevant authorities responsible for disposal.</p> <p>(4) The applicant shall submit to the Bureau disposal approval from relevant authorities.</p>
Handling of unsafe or substandard products	<p>12.-(1) A person shall not sell or supply or offer or expose for sale or supply or have in his possession for the purpose of sale or supply unsafe or substandard products.</p> <p>(2) Owner or agent of products or commodities shall adhere to the following requirements:</p> <p>(a) keep separately unsafe or substandard products and commodities;</p> <p>(b) demarcate an area for keeping unsafe or substandard products which shall be labeled conspicuously in red ink with words in English “Unfit for intended use” or in Kiswahili “Hazifai kwa matumizi yaliyokusudiwa”; and maintain safe custody of unsafe or substandard products in registered premises until they are disposed.</p> <p>(c) maintain safe custody of unsafe or substandard products in registered premises until they are disposed.</p>
Transportation and disposal of unsafe or substandard products	<p>13.-(1) Subject to any provisions of these Regulations, a standard inspector or any other public officer authorized by the Bureau shall supervise the transportation of consignment from the premises to the disposal site for destruction.</p> <p>(2) The destruction shall be supervised by a standard inspector, or any other public officer authorized by the Bureau and upon completion of the exercise a disposal form set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations, shall be duly filled in and signed by the supervisor, the owner of the consignment or his representative and other authorities who witnessed the destruction.</p> <p>(3) Upon submission of disposal form to the Bureau, the certificate of disposal set out under Third Schedule to these Regulations shall be issued to the owner of the disposed commodities or product.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">PART IV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS</p>
Offence and penalty	<p>14. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to the penalty provided for in</p>

	the Act.
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FIRST SCHEDULE



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(Made under regulation 9(2))

SEIZURE FORM

Reference No.: _____

Date: _____

Place of Seizure: _____

1. Product Information

Product Name: _____

Brand/Manufacturer: _____

Batch / Lot No: _____

Quantity Seized: _____ (Units/Kg/Ltrs/Cartons)

Packaging Type: _____

Country of Origin: _____

Import Permit/License No. (if any): _____

2. Reason for Seizure

☐ Substandard product

☐ Expired product

☐ Mislabeling / False labeling

☐ No valid import permit

☐ Health/safety risk

☐ Other (specify): _____

3. Seizure Details

Location seized (e.g., port, warehouse, market): _____

Seal number (if applicable): _____

Condition of goods at seizure: _____

Transport/Container No.: _____

4. Parties Involved

Name of Importer / Owner: _____

Company/Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Email: _____

5. Officers Involved

Seizing Officer(s) Name & Signature: _____

1. Name _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

2. Name _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Witness (if any):

Name _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

6. Acknowledgement by Owner/Representative

I hereby acknowledge that the above goods have been seized from my possession/premises.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

7. Remarks / Recommendations

Name:.....

Position:.....

Signature:.....

Date:.....

Official Stamp/Seal:

SECOND SCHEDULE



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DISPOSAL FORM

Description of the product(s)

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Owned by M/S.....

Quantity..... Total value..... Fail to comply with requirements for Standard

According to the Zanzibar Standards Act of 2011, Section 20(6) & (7), and the Zanzibar Bureau of Standards (Recall, Seizure and Disposal of Product) Regulations, 2025, the mentioned product(s) is not allowed to enter into the Zanzibar Market.

The destruction exercise was conducted at (location, site)..... on this date by the following methods (state clearly):

1.
2.
3.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Submitted by:.....

Signature:

(AMIQC/AMC)

Date:

Reviewed and approved by:.....

Signature:

(DQM/DIP)

Date.....

THIRD SCHEDULE



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CERTIFICATE OF DISPOSAL

This certificate of Disposal is issued to:

Registered Address:

For the disposal of.....at.....facility

product was/were under Bill of lading/identification mark

This is to certify that the above product was/were found to be substandard/expired and has/have been
destruted by Zanzibar Bureau of Standards (ZBS) by using.....method.

QUANTITY:

Date:

.....
DIRECTOR GENERAL

SIGNED on this

.....
(.....)

MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT