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THE TANZANIA SHIPPING AGENCIES ACT,
(CAP. 415)

ORDER

(Made under section 28(3))

THE TANZANIA SHIPPING AGENCIES (FEES FOR CLEARING AND FORWARDING
SERVICES) ORDER, 2026

PART I
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Citation and
commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Tanzania Shipping Agencies (Fees for Clearing and Forwarding Services) Order, 2026 and shall come into operation on such date as may be published in the Gazette.

Application

2. This Order shall apply to:
(a) clearing and forwarding agents registered by the Corporation and operating in Mainland Tanzania; and
(b) regulated clearing and forwarding services undertaken in respect of import, export and transit cargo.

Interpretation

3. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires-

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“Act” means the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Act;
“bill of lading” or in its acronyms “BL” means a document issued by ocean carrier, or its agent or master of a ship on behalf of the carrier, to the shipper as a contract of carriage of specified goods and confirms receipt for cargo accepted on board for transportation by the carrier and signifies title to

goods by the holder upon its presentation, at specified destination, to the carrier or its agent;
“clearing and forwarding agent” means a company registered by the Corporation to carry out clearing and forwarding agency services;
“Corporation” means the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation established under section 4 of the Act;
“minimum agency fees” means the minimum charges prescribed in the Schedule to this Order; and
“regulated service” includes any service supplied or offered for supply in the maritime transport sector, including maritime environment, safety, security, port services, shipping agency, clearing and forwarding, cargo consolidation and deconsolidation, gross mass verification and miscellaneous port services.

PART II CLEARING AND FORWARDING AGENCY FUNCTIONS

Duties and
functions of
clearing and
forwarding agent
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4.-(1) A clearing and forwarding agent shall perform the duties and functions as prescribed under the Act and the Tanzania Shipping Agencies (Clearing and Forwarding Agents) Regulations.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of suborder (1), and for purposes of clarity and enforcement under this Order, the clearing and forwarding agent function shall include the following professional services undertaken on behalf of a shipper, consignee or cargo owner-

- (a) preparing, verifying, submitting and processing customs declarations and all supporting documentation in compliance with applicable customs, port, maritime and other relevant laws;
- (b) determining and advising on appropriate documentation, duties, taxes, levies, charges, fees and trade terms applicable to the cargo;
- (c) facilitating payment of duties, taxes, levies, port charges and other statutory fees to competent authorities and authorised intermediaries on behalf of the client, in

accordance with applicable fiscal and customs legislation;

- (d) arranging and coordinating transport, handling, warehousing and related logistics services with ports, dry ports, shipping lines, shipping agents, railways, road transport operators, pipeline operators, warehousing companies and other logistics service providers within the maritime transport chain;
- (e) architecting the transportation needs of clients with regard to selection of route, intermediate service providers, ensuring proper insurance coverage for subject cargo;
- (f) ensuring or arranging for appropriate cargo packing, packaging, wrapping, securing, labelling and marking to facilitate identification, ensuring cargo meets regulatory, safety and commercial standards;
- (g) advising on and facilitating appropriate cargo insurance coverage and arranging for related risk mitigation measures;
- (h) providing clients with accurate and timely information on applicable regulatory requirements, local standards, applicable charges, operational limitations and potential business risks affecting the cargo and compliance obligations relating to import, export or transit cargo; and
- (i) maintaining proper and accurate shipment records of activities, documentation and financial accounts for each shipment handled on behalf of the shipper or consignee, in accordance with the Act and the Tanzania Shipping Agencies (Clearing and Forwarding Agents) Regulations.

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(3) A clearing and forwarding agency shall perform its functions with due professional care, diligence and in full compliance with the Act, the Tanzania Shipping Agencies (Clearing and Forwarding Agents) Regulations, this Order and all applicable laws or any lawful directives issued by the Corporation.

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(4) For the avoidance of doubt, clearing and forwarding agency functions shall only be performed by a duly registered clearing and forwarding agent by the Corporation in accordance with the Act and the Tanzania Shipping Agencies (Clearing and Forwarding Agents) Regulations.

PART III
MINIMUM AGENCY FEES

Prescription of
minimum agency
fees

5.-(1) A clearing and forwarding agent shall not charge fees below the minimum agency fees when providing clearing and forwarding functions prescribed in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) This Order shall not prevent a clearing and forwarding agent from charging fees above the prescribed minimum.

Exemptions

6.-(1) The following shall be exempt from the application of minimum agency fees under this Order-

- (a) commodities subject to statutory price regulation by other sector-specific regulatory authorities, including fertiliser, petroleum and sugar;
- (b) clearing and forwarding services undertaken under approved in-house clearance arrangements; and
- (c) any other category of cargo as may be determined by the Corporation.

(2) An exemption under this order from charging the fees prescribed under order 5(1) shall not relieve a clearing and forwarding agent from the obligation to comply with other regulatory requirements as may be required under the applicable laws.

PART IV
CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Mandatory
compliance
requirements

7. A clearing and forwarding agency shall-

- (a) issue an official receipt or tax invoice to the customer reflecting the amount charged for

- services rendered in accordance with the Schedule to this Order;
- (b) utilise relevant and prescribed regulatory and customs systems as may be required by the competent authorities;
 - (c) accurately report and declare service charges in the relevant and prescribed electronic systems, the amount charged to a customer in accordance with the Schedule to this Order;
 - (d) maintain proper books of account to facilitate regulatory monitoring and inspection;
 - (e) retain records for a minimum period of five years; and
 - (f) pay of all lawful charges necessary for the operation of the firm.

PART V
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Monitoring

8.-(1) The Corporation shall monitor compliance with this Order.

(2) The Corporation may conduct inspections or request information for purposes of verifying compliance with this Order.

Review of
minimum agency
fees
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9. The Corporation may review the minimum agency fees from time to time in accordance with section 28 of the Act and the Tanzania Shipping Agencies (Tariff) Regulations.

Complaints

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10. A person who is aggrieved by the implementation or decision made under this Order may lodge a complaint to the Corporation in accordance with the Tanzania Shipping Agencies (Complaints Handling) Regulations.

Offences and
Penalties

11. A person who contravenes the provisions of this Order commits an offence and shall be liable to the penalties prescribed under the Act.

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SCHEDULE

(Made under order 5)

TABLE 1. MINIMUM AGENCY FEES FOR IMPORT SHIPMENTS

S/N	MEANS OF TRANSPORT	TARIFF DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE	MINIMUM AGENCY FEES PAYABLE IN TANZANIA SHILLINGS EQUIVALENTS TO USD
1.	Sea/Inland Waterways	20-foot shipping container	Container	150
		40-foot shipping container	Container	200
		Dry Bulk Cargo	MT	0.6
		Bulk Liquid	MT	0.6
		Motor Vehicle	Unit	130
		Heavy Machines & Equipment	Unit	250
		Live Animal	BL	90
		Loose Cargo/Less than Container Load	BL	90
		Post entry & Ex-bond	BL	60
		Carriage Coastwise	Transire	90
2.	Road Transport (Border)	20-foot shipping container	Container	130
		40-foot shipping container	Container	190
		Motor Vehicle	Unit	130
		Heavy Machines & Equipment	Unit	250
		Live Animal	BL	60
		Loose Cargo/Less than Container Load	Vehicle	60
3.	Air Transport	Parcel / Couriers	AWB	60
		General Cargo	AWB	90
		Live Animal	AWB	60

TABLE 2. MINIMUM AGENCY FEES FOR EXPORT SHIPMENTS

S/N	MEANS OF	TARIFF DESCRIPTION		MINIMUM AGENCY
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	TRANSPORT		UNIT OF MEASURE	FEES PAYABLE IN TANZANIA SHILLINGS EQUIVALENTS TO USD
1.	Sea/Inland Waterways	20-foot shipping container	Container	150
		40-foot shipping container	Container	200
		Dry Bulk Cargo	MT	0.6
		Bulk Liquid	MT	0.6
		Motor Vehicle	Unit	130
		Heavy Machines & Equipment	Unit	250
		Live Animal	BL	90
		Loose Cargo/Less than Container Load	BL	90
		Carriage Coastwise	Transire	90
2.	Road Transport (Border)	20-foot shipping container	Container	130
		40-foot shipping container	Container	190
		Motor Vehicle	Unit	130
		Heavy Machines & Equipment	Unit	250
		Live Animal	BL	60
		Loose Cargo/Less than Container Load	Vehicle	60
3.	Air Transport	Parcel / Couriers	AWB	60
		General Cargo	AWB	90
		Precious Metal/Minerals	AWB	130
		Live Animal	AWB	60

TABLE 3. MINIMUM AGENCY FEES FOR TRANSIT SHIPMENTS

S/N	MEANS OF TRANSPORT	TARIFF DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE	MINIMUM AGENCY FEES PAYABLE IN TANZANIA SHILLINGS EQUIVALENTS TO USD
1.		20-foot shipping container	Container	200

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	Sea/Inland Waterways	40-foot shipping container	Container	250
		Dry Bulk Cargo	MT	0.5
		Bulk Liquid	MT	0.5
		Motor Vehicle	Unit	130
		Heavy Machines & Equipment	Unit	250
		Live Animal	BL	130
		Loose Cargo/Less than Container Load	BL	130
2.	Road Transport (Border)	20-foot shipping container	Container	210
		40-foot shipping container	Container	250
		Motor Vehicle	Unit	130
		Heavy Machines & Equipment	Unit	250
		Live Animal	BL	90
		Loose Cargo/Less than Container Load	Vehicle	90
3.	Air Transport	General Cargo	AWB	130

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