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THE FOOD SECURITY ACT,
(CAP. 249)

REGULATIONS

(Made under section 42)

THE FOOD SECURITY (AVOCADO CROP MANAGEMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2026

PART I
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

- Citation 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Food Security (Avocado Crop Management) Regulations, 2026.
- Interpretation 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-
- Cap. 249 “Act” means the Food Security Act;
 “chilling injury” means physiological damage to avocados caused by rapid changes in ambient temperature;
 “cold chain” means a system of maintaining optimal temperature conditions throughout the storage and transportation process;
 “dry matter content” means the percentage of an avocado fruit that is not water and which is an indicator of maturity;
 “export” means the transportation of avocado from Tanzania to another country for commercial purposes;
 “extension officer” means an agricultural expert who provides professional advisory services on farming practices and other extension matters to farmers and stakeholders;
 “farmer” means a person who engages in the commercial cultivation of avocado;
 “foreign purchaser” means a buyer who is not a Tanzanian citizen;
 “grading” means the process of grading avocados according to color, shape, defects, dry matter, oil content, peduncle, size, bruises or weight;

	“intercropping” means the cultivation of two or more crops simultaneously on the same farm in a manner that is compatible and utilizes growth inputs such as fertilizers, water, and light without adversely affecting each other; “maturity indicator” means a criterion specified under these Regulations used to determine the optimal stage of ripeness for harvesting avocados;
Cap.130	“packaging material” means any material that has standards specified under the Standards Act used to store, protect, preserve, transport or display avocados; “pack house” means a facility where avocado is cleaned, sorted, graded, packed, and prepared for market; “seedling” means avocado that has been propagated and prepared for planting on farms;
Cap.308	“seedling producer” means any person engaged in the propagation of avocado seedlings that have been registered and recognized in accordance with the Seeds Act; “service provider” means a farmer or any person or entity duly recognized and authorized by the Authority to provide services within the avocado value chain; and “storage” means preservation of avocado under controlled conditions to preserve its quality.

PART II AVOCADO VARIETIES

Recognized avocado variety Cap. 308	3. These Regulations shall apply to avocado variety cultivated by a farmer and registered in accordance with the Seeds Act or any other applicable law.
Seedling certification Cap.308	4.-(1) A producer of avocado seedlings shall be registered and certified under the Seeds Act. (2) A farmer shall ensure that the seedling is certified by the relevant authority and assigned certification number before being released from the nursery. (3) An avocado seedling producer shall maintain records of nursery operations, including- (a) source of seed and provenance of scion used; (b) variety of seeds and scion used;

- Cap. 308
- (c) certification details of seeds used;
 - (d) number of seedlings propagated annually; and
 - (e) a list of farmers to whom seedlings were sold.
- (4) A farmer shall purchase avocado seedlings from a producer registered and certified under the Seeds Act.
- (5) A farmer shall maintain records of seedling sources for inspection by the Authority.
- (6) Records of seedling sources shall include the avocado variety, source nursery, date of purchase and certification number.

PART III

ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ORCHARD

- Planting of
avocado
seedling
- 5.-(1)** Avocado seedling shall be planted at a spacing that ensures sunlight penetration, air circulation and facilitates orchard management practices.
- (2) A farmer shall-
- (a) plant healthy seedlings produced from certified commercial nurseries;
 - (b) select seedlings with active root system;
 - (c) treat seedlings with appropriate registered pesticide before transplanting;
 - (d) plant nursery trees promptly after their arrival;
 - (e) cover soil surface with 5 centimetre-thick mulch and around the young tree.
- (3) The planting system for avocado orchard shall be determined by topographical characteristics of the farm and shall include-
- (a) a square planting system which involves establishment of seedlings in straight and parallel rows with uniform inter plant and inter-row spacing for farms with slope between 0 and 5 percent;
 - (b) a hexagonal planting system in which seedlings are uniformly established to form equilateral triangular arrangements allowing for an increase of more than 15 percent in plant population per unit area compared to the square planting system, which shall be applicable for farms with slopes between 5 and 15 percent; and

- (c) the establishment of seedlings along contour lines applied on farms with land slopes ranging from 15 to 45 percent and which may be implemented in combination with other orchard planting arrangements, provided that contour lines are strictly observed.

(4) Plant spacing shall depend on growth characteristics of individual variety, soil type, soil fertility status, agro-ecological conditions and agronomical practices.

Orchard
management
and
maintenance

6. A farmer shall ensure that-

- (a) an avocado orchard is properly maintained including conducting effective field sanitation;
- (b) each avocado tree is provided with a clean and weed-free basin around its base at all times;
- (c) an avocado seedling is supplied with fertilisers in accordance with soil nutrient requirements and the respective stage of crop growth;
- (d) fertiliser application, including rate and schedule is done as prescribed by extension officer; and
- (e) the use of chemical agents for weed control in the orchard complies with guidance or recommendations of an extension officer.

Intercropping

7.-(1) A farmer may grow additional crops on an avocado farm in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(2) Avocados may be intercropped with leguminous and other crops upon the recommendation of an extension officer.

Irrigation

8.-(1) A farmer shall be required to adhere to effective irrigation methods that provide consistent and optimal soil moisture for healthy tree growth, flowering, fruit set and fruit development, while preventing waterlogging and conditions that may lead to root diseases.

(2) Irrigation scheduling shall consider tree age, soil type, climatic conditions and critical growth stages.

Soil nutrient
management

9.-(1) Soil analysis shall be conducted by a qualified specialist or at a laboratory that is duly recognized and

accredited to provide such services.

(2) A farmer shall implement soil nutrient management plan based on the soil testing and nutrient requirements of the crops.

(3) A farmer shall conduct soil testing at least once in every three years in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Ministry or the Authority.

(4) A farmer shall apply soil nutrients in accordance with the results of soil analysis and applicable market requirements.

Pruning

10.-(1) A farmer shall prune avocado trees to maintain proper tree structure, remove dead or diseased branches and allow enough sunlight penetration.

(2) Pruning tools shall be kept clean and sharp to avoid injuring trees or spreading diseases.

(3) Pruning shall be carried out as follows:

(a) reformative pruning shall be undertaken during the first to third year after planting for the purpose of developing optimal tree canopy structure, and all weak, damaged or poorly positioned branches shall be removed to establish a strong trunk and well-balanced canopy;

(b) maintenance pruning shall be undertaken annually on bearing trees to control tree size, to allow for the development of new productive shoots and to remove dead, diseased or broken branches; and

(c) rejuvenation pruning shall be undertaken on old or poorly productive trees in order to restore their productive capacity and major branches shall be cut back.

Service
provider

11.-(1) A service provider shall possess the necessary skills and be approved by the Authority.

(2) A service provider shall be responsible for-

(a) advising on the best practices for pest and disease management;

(b) providing pruning techniques;

(c) training farmers on farm cleaning, pest identification, disease symptoms and recommending prompt control measures; and

(d) submitting reports to the Authority and other relevant authorities as required regarding the services rendered.

(3) Reports submitted under subregulation (2) shall include-

- (a) statistics on planting;
- (b) data on harvests;
- (c) information on pests and diseases; and
- (d) seasonal yield projections.

Pest
management

12.-(1) A farmer shall ensure that his farm is maintained in a clean condition and free from weeds.

(2) A farmer shall employ appropriate methods, based on advice from an extension officer, to control, prevent, treat and protect avocados against crops diseases and pest infestations.

(3) Information on outbreaks of avocado diseases shall be reported to an extension officer for timely intervention and mitigation.

PART IV AVOCADO SPECIFICATIONS, QUALITY AND GRADING

Grading during
harvest

13.-(1) Avocados shall be graded during harvest at the maturity level according to their intended use,

(2) Avocados shall be graded on accordance with the criteria set out in the First Schedule.

Maturity indicator

14.-(1) Maturity shall be measured based on the dry matter content according to the avocado variety.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subregulation (1), avocados shall be required to meet a minimum dry matter content of not less than twenty-one percent.

Export or import
permit

15.-(1) An exporter or importer of avocados shall, before exportation or importation, apply to the Authority by filling Form No.1 as set out in the Second Schedule and be issued with an export or import permit.

(2) The export or import permit issued by the Authority shall be in Form No. 2 or Form No. 3 as set out

in the Second Schedule.

Quality of avocado
for exportation

16. An exporter of avocados shall ensure that the avocados meet the requirements of these Regulations, quality and phytosanitary standards of the importing country.

Quality of
imported avocado

17. An importer of avocados, shall comply with the quality and grading standards specified under these Regulations.

PART V

HARVESTING AND PURCHASING OF AVOCADOS

Registration of
avocado harvester

18. A person who intends to be registered as an avocado harvester shall apply for a certificate to the Authority by using form No. 4 as set out in the Second Schedule.

Conditions for
harvesting

19.-(1) The avocado harvester shall be required to-
(a) use service providers approved by the Authority; and
(b) apply good harvesting practices when picking avocados and leave a short peduncle in order to prevent fruit from decay.
(2) A person shall not throw, drop or mishandle avocados during harvesting.

Training for
harvesters

20.-(1) A person engaged in the harvesting of avocados shall be required to undergo training on the-
(a) proper harvesting techniques;
(b) identification of mature avocados;
(c) use of appropriate tools;
(d) identification of signs of pests or diseases;
(e) observance of proper hygiene practices to prevent contamination of the fruit; and
(f) applicable harvesting requirements.
(2) The Authority shall provide training to an avocado harvester and issue a certificate in Form No. 5 prescribed in the Second Schedule.

(3) After completion of the initial training, a service provider shall be required to undergo refresher training every three years.

Post-harvest
handling

21.-(1) A farmer shall ensure that the harvested avocados are removed from the farm and transported to a designated collection area within six hours of harvesting and shall be transported from the collection area to the packing facility within ten hours.

(2) An owner of avocados shall ensure that the avocados are, at all times during transportation, protected from direct sunlight, rain or wind.

(3) The supervisor of avocado collection areas shall ensure that the areas are clean, shaded, and ventilated.

(4) An owner of avocados shall ensure that the avocados are handled in a manner that avoids bruising or any other physical damage during loading and unloading.

Purchasing of
avocados

22.-(1) A person who intends to purchase avocado for commercial purpose shall apply for a permit to the Authority by filling Form No.6 as set out in the Second Schedule.

(2) An avocado purchasing permit issued by the Authority shall be in Form No. 7 as set out in the Second Schedule.

(3) An applicant under subregulation (1), shall be required to-

- (a) purchase from areas approved by the Authority for harvest;
- (b) employ harvesters approved by the Authority;
- (c) purchase in accordance with the minimum grade-based pricing;
- (d) submit to the Authority the details of an agent, if any, used in purchasing avocados; and
- (e) in the case of a foreign purchaser, open a foreign currency account in Tanzania banks.

(4) Without prejudice to the provisions of any other law, a foreign purchaser shall be required to purchase avocados at a collection center, a packing center

or through an agent registered with the Authority.

Avocado
purchasing agent

23.-(1) A person who intends to be registered as an avocado purchasing agent shall apply for a certificate to the Authority by filling Form No.8 as set out in the Second Schedule.

(2) The certificate issued to a purchasing agent by the Authority shall be in Form No. 9 as set out in the Second Schedule.

Grounds for
suspension or
revocation of
agency certificate

24. The Authority may revoke or suspend an agency certificate where it is satisfied that-

- (a) the certificate was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation;
- (b) the agent has contravened the terms and conditions of the certificate;
- (c) the certificate has been transferred to another person; or
- (d) the agent has contravened the provisions of the Act or these Regulations.

PART VI COLLECTION AND PACK HOUSE FACILITIES

Collection facility

25. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, avocados shall be purchased at a collection facility.

Registration of
pack house

26. An owner or operator of an avocado pack house shall not operate such pack house unless he is registered by the Authority in accordance with the Regulations made under the Act.

Activities at pack
house

27.-(1) The pack house shall be used for-

- (a) grading of avocados in accordance with conditions prescribed in the First Schedule;
- (b) cleaning of avocados;
- (c) sorting and packing of avocados using appropriate packing materials in accordance to market requirements;
- (d) preparing avocados for the intended market; and

- (e) making any other necessary preparations to ensure that avocados meet the acceptable quality and safety standards for the intended market.

(2) A person shall not carry out any activity which is dangerous or harmful to the quality or standards of avocados in the pack house.

Hygiene and safety
of pack house

28.-(1) An owner or operator of a pack house facility shall comply with hygiene and safety requirements to prevent contamination of avocados.

(2) Hygiene and safety measures at a packing facility shall include-

- (a) regular cleaning of water storage facilities, grading tables, and infrastructure;
- (b) proper disposal of waste;
- (c) control of pests and vermin;
- (d) provision of hand washing facilities; and
- (e) implementation of a hygiene training programme for all staff.

(3) An owner or operator of a pack house facility shall ensure the implementation of a hygiene programme which shall be reviewed and updated periodically.

Traceability
system and record
keeping

29.-(1) There shall be a system for traceability of quality and safety throughout the avocado value chain to ensure the conditions prescribed under these Regulations are complied with.

(2) The traceability system shall include-

- (a) unique identification numbers for each grade of avocados;
- (b) records of the date, time, and place of harvesting;
- (c) information on the farmer and the avocado variety;
- (d) records of processing and storage;
- (e) details of the purchaser or exporter; and
- (f) a system of linking avocados to customers or sellers.

(3) The following records shall be prepared, kept and submitted, when required, to the Authority-

- (a) in the case of a farmer-
 - (i) pesticides used;
 - (ii) the date of harvest and quantity of avocados harvested;
 - (iii) proof of sale;
 - (iv) purchaser information; and
 - (v) the farm from which the avocados were harvested.
- (b) in the case of a purchaser-
 - (i) quantities of avocados purchased;
 - (ii) details of the farm owner from which the avocados were harvested;
 - (iii) details of the harvester;
 - (iv) the pack house facility; and
 - (v) proof of sale.
- (c) in the case of an owner or operator of a pack house-
 - (i) quantities of avocados received;
 - (ii) details of a transporter who delivered the consignment;
 - (iii) details of the purchaser to whom the consignment was delivered;
 - (iv) dates of receipt and dispatch of avocado; and
 - (v) details of the transporter who collected the consignment from the pack house.

PART VII PACKAGING AND LABELLING

Packaging
materials

30.-(1) Avocados shall be packed in appropriate packaging materials.

(2) The avocado harvester shall ensure that avocados are packaged in a manner that protects them from mechanical damage, contamination, moisture loss and deterioration during handling, storage and transportation.

(3) Packaging materials shall be clean, dry, strong and adequately ventilated.

(4) Each package shall contain avocados of the same variety, maturity stage and quality grade to ensure

uniformity.

Labelling

31. Avocado packages shall bear labels that are clearly visible and easily legible in Kiswahili, English, or such other language as may be required, and shall contain essential information in accordance with the avocado grade, including-

- (a) name and address of the producer or packer;
- (b) avocado variety;
- (c) grade of avocados;
- (d) net weight or number of avocados;
- (e) date of packaging;
- (f) country of origin;
- (g) storage conditions; and
- (h) any other information as the Authority, a customer, or any other government institution may require.

Misleading labels

32.-(1) Labels shall not contain false or misleading information regarding to the quality, origin, weight, size, quantity, or characteristics of avocados.

(2) The use of terms such as “organic” or “chemical-free” shall be permitted only where the avocados have been so certified by the relevant competent authority.

PART VIII STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

Temperature
control

33.-(1) Avocados shall be stored or transported at a temperature that maintains quality and prevents chilling injury or premature ripening.

(2) The optimal temperature for storage or transportation of avocados shall vary according to the variety and stage of maturity and shall range from 5 to 7 degrees Celsius.

(3) Temperature monitoring devices shall be used to record temperature data during transportation.

Avocado storage
facility

34.-(1) An avocado storage facility shall be clean and equipped with temperature control systems.

(2) The Authority shall conduct inspections at avocado storage facilities to verify their suitability.

Cold chain

35.-(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, the cold chain shall include-

- (a) storage of avocados in storage facilities; and
- (b) transportation of avocados in refrigerated vehicles.

(2) Every person involved in the storage or transportation of avocados shall be responsible for maintaining the cold chain.

PART IX AVOCADO MARKET

Opening of season

36.-(1) The Authority shall, after satisfying itself as to the maturity of avocados, issue a public notice declaring the opening of the harvesting season in the respective area.

(2) The commencement of the season shall include-

- (a) the commencement of avocado harvesting;
- (b) the announcement of areas in which avocado harvesting shall begin; and
- (c) the announcement of the minimum price for avocados for the season, taking into account prevailing market conditions.

(3) A farmer shall not harvest avocados unless the Authority has declared the commencement of the season.

Market
information

37. The Authority shall, in collaboration with relevant authorities, provide information on the status of the avocado market at national and international levels, which shall include-

- (a) quantities of avocados available on the market;
- (b) levels of market demand; and
- (c) marketing conditions, including types of avocados and average prices.

PART X
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Annual meeting

38. The Authority shall ensure the organization and coordination of an annual meeting of avocado stakeholders for the purpose of reviewing various matters, including the establishment of mechanisms for regulating the avocado trade.

Training

39. Any person may attend professional training programmes on avocado production as may be organized and coordinated by the Authority.

Phytosanitary
requirements
Cap. 133

40. An exporter of avocados shall comply with the provisions of the Plant Health Act regarding preservation of the quality of avocados, and phytosanitary requirements.

Determination,
grant or refusal of
application

41.-(1) The Authority shall, within fourteen days from the date of receipt of an application under these Regulations, determine the application.

(2) Where the Authority is satisfied that the application complies with the prescribed criteria and conditions it shall issue a registration number, permit or licence, as the case may be, to the applicant.

(3) Where the Authority considers that the application does not comply with the prescribed criteria and conditions, it shall refuse to grant such application and communicate the decision to the applicant stating reasons for the refusal within seven days from the date of its delivery.

Prohibition of
harvesting
avocados

42. The Authority may, in addition to any penalty provided under these Regulations, where it is satisfied that avocado crops do not meet quality standards, prohibit the farmer from harvesting avocado for commercial purposes as it may be determined by the Authority.

Cancellation or
suspension of

43.-(1) The Authority may, where it is satisfied that the holder of a licence, permit or certificate issued

licence, permit or
certificate

under these Regulations has breached the conditions under which the licence, permit or certificate was issued or has contravened the provisions of these Regulations, revoke the licence, permit or certificate, as the case may be.

(2) The Authority shall, within fourteen days from the date of intention of revocation or suspension, issue a notice requiring the person under subregulation (1) to submit, in writing, reasons as to why the Authority should not revoke or suspend his licence, permit or certificate.

(3) The Authority shall, upon expiration of the time specified under subregulation (2) or where the holder of a licence, permit or certificate fails to adduce sufficient reasons, revoke the licence, permit or certificate as the case may be.

(4) A holder of a cancelled licence or permit shall immediately after cancellation surrender it to the Authority.

Appeals

44.-(1) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Authority relating to the cancellation or suspension of a licence under these Regulations may, within sixty days from the date of the decision, appeal to the Minister in writing, stating the grounds of appeal, attaching a copy of the decision, and serving a copy thereof on the Authority.

(2) The Authority shall, upon receipt of a copy of the appeal, submit to the Minister within seven days such explanatory statements as may be required, and shall serve a copy thereof to the appellant.

(3) The Minister shall determine the appeal within thirty days from the date of receipt of the Authority's explanatory information.

Offences and
penalties

45. A person who contravenes the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a penalty as provided under the Act.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Made under regulations 13 and 27)

**Avocado Grades
Hass Variety**

Criteria		Grade I	Grade II	Grade III (Industrial/Processing Class)
Skin colour	Bright green.	Not uniformly bright green.	Not consistent with bright green colour.	
Shape	Oval fruit shape.	Shape not strictly oval.	Shape not consistent with oval fruit shape.	
Scars/defects/diseases	Not sunburnt and free from defects or diseases.	May have scars and superficial bruises not exceeding six square centimetres (6 cm ²) which do not affect appearance.	May have defects, scars and imperfections exceeding an area of six square centimetres (6 cm ²).	
Maturity	Mature.	Mature.	Mature.	
Oil content (%)	18% – 23%.	18% – 23%.	18% – 40%.	
Peduncle (mm)	5 – 10 mm.	5 – 10 mm.	May be present or absent.	
Size (size code)	12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 28.	12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 28.	Any.	
Bruising (mm)	Skin free from bruises exceeding 20 mm.	Skin free from bruises exceeding 20 mm.	Skin with bruises exceeding 20 mm.	
Weight (grams)	140 – 350.	140 – 350.	Any.	
Packaging	Crates or avocado containers recognized in accordance with the standards law, or other approved standard packaging.	Crates or avocado containers recognized in accordance with the standards law, or other approved standard packaging.	Baskets, sacks, or wooden boxes.	

Fuerte Variety

Criteria	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III (Industrial/Processing Class)
Skin colour	Green in colour.	Colour not uniformly with bright green.	Colour and shape not directly consistent with bright green.
Shape	Pear-shaped fruit.	Shape not uniformly with pear shape.	Shape not directly consistent with pear shape.
Scars	Free from scars and scratches.	May have scars and scratches not exceeding six square centimetres (6 cm ²) and not affecting appearance.	Defects, scars and blemishes exceeding an area of six square centimetres (6 cm ²).
Defects / diseases	Not sunburnt and not affected by diseases.	Slightly sunburned and slightly affected by diseases.	Sunburned and affected by diseases.
Maturity	Mature.	Mature.	Mature.
Oil content (%)	16% – 25%.	16% – 25%.	16% – 40%.
Peduncle (mm)	5 mm – 10 mm.	5 mm – 10 mm.	May have a peduncle or be without a peduncle.
Size (size code)	10, 12, 14, 16 and 18.	10, 12, 14, 16 and 18.	Any.
Bruising (mm)	Skin with no Bruising exceeding 20 mm.	Skin with no Bruising exceeding 20 mm.	Skin with Bruising exceeding 20 mm.
Weight (grams)	226 g – 453 g.	226 g – 453 g.	Any.
Packaging	Crates or containers for transporting avocados recognized under standards legislation, or other standard-compliant packaging.	Crates or containers for transporting avocados recognized under standards legislation, or other standard-compliant packaging.	Baskets, sacks, or wooden boxes.

Nabal Variety

Criteria	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III (Industrial/Processing Class)
Skin colour	Green in colour.	Colour not uniformly green.	Colour not consistent with green colour.
Shape	Round shape.	Shape not strictly round.	Shape not consistent with a round shape.
Scar	Not sunburnt.	May have scar and superficial bruises	May be sunburnt.

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		not exceeding six square centimetres (6 cm ²) which do not affect appearance.	
Defects/Diseases	Free from disease.	Slightly sunburnt and slightly affected by disease.	Defects, scars, and imperfections exceeding an area of six square centimetres (6 cm ²).
Maturity	Mature.	Mature.	Mature.
Oil content (%)	5% – 12%.	5% – 12%.	18% – 40%.
Peduncle (mm)	5 – 10 mm.	5 – 10 mm.	May be present or absent.
Size (size code)	8, 10, 12 and 14.	8, 10, 12 and 14.	Any.
Bruising (mm)	Skin bruising not exceeding 20 mm.	Skin bruising not exceeding 20 mm.	Skin bruising exceeding 20 mm.
Weight (grams)	300 – 500.	300 – 500.	Any.
Packaging	Crates or avocado containers recognized in accordance with the standards law, or other approved standard packaging.	Crates or avocado containers recognized in accordance with the standards law, or other approved standard packaging.	Baskets, sacks, or wooden boxes.

Pinkerton Variety

Criteria	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III (Industrial/Processing Class)
Skin colour	Bright green.	Not uniformly bright green.	Not uniformly bright green.
Shape	Pear-shaped fruit.	Shape not strictly pear-shaped.	Shape not strictly pear-shaped.
Scars	Not sunburnt.	May have scars and superficial bruises not exceeding six square centimetres (6 cm ²) which do not affect appearance.	Defects, scars, and imperfections exceeding an area of six square centimetres (6 cm ²).
Defects/Diseases	Free from disease.	Slightly sunburnt and slightly affected by disease.	May be sunburnt.
Maturity	Mature.	Mature.	Mature.
Oil content (%)	18% – 25%.	18% – 25%.	18% – 40%.
Peduncle (mm)	5 – 10 mm.	5 – 10 mm.	May be present or absent.
Size (size code)	10, 12 and 14.	10, 12 and 14.	Any.
Bruising (mm)	Skin bruising not exceeding 20 mm.	Skin bruising not exceeding 20 mm.	Skin bruising exceeding 20 mm.
Weight (grams)	270 – 400.	270 – 400.	Any.
Packaging	Crates or avocado	Crates or avocado	Baskets, sacks, or

	containers recognized in accordance with the standards law, or other approved standard packaging.	containers recognized in accordance with the standards law, or other approved standard packaging.	wooden boxes.
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Bacon Variety

Criteria	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III (Industrial/Processing Class)
Skin colour	Bright green.	Not uniformly bright green.	Not uniformly bright green.
Shape	Round-oval shape.	Shape not strictly round-oval.	Shape not strictly round-oval.
Scars	Not sunburnt.	May have scars and superficial bruises not exceeding six square centimetres (6 cm ²) which do not affect appearance.	May be sunburnt.
Defects/Diseases	Free from disease.	Slightly sunburnt and slightly affected by disease.	Scars and defects exceeding an area of six square centimetres (6 cm ²).
Maturity	Mature.	Mature.	Mature.
Oil content (%)	16% – 18%.	16% – 18%.	18% – 40%.
Peduncle (mm)	5 – 10 mm.	5 – 10 mm.	May be present or absent.
Size (size code)	12, 14 and 16.	12, 14 and 16.	Any.
Bruising (mm)	Skin bruising not exceeding 20 mm.	Skin bruising not exceeding 20 mm.	Skin bruising exceeding 20 mm.
Weight (grams)	250 – 350.	250 – 350.	Any.
Packaging	Crates or avocado containers recognized in accordance with the standards law, or other approved standard packaging.	Crates or avocado containers recognized in accordance with the standards law, or other approved standard packaging.	Baskets, sacks, or wooden boxes.

Ettinger Variety

Criteria	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III (Industrial/Processing Class)
Skin colour	Bright green.	Not uniformly bright green.	Not uniformly bright green.
Shape	Pear-shaped fruit.	Shape not strictly pear-shaped.	Shape not strictly pear-shaped.

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Scars	Not sunburnt.	May have scars and superficial bruises not exceeding six square centimetres (6 cm ²) which do not affect appearance.	Defects, scars, and imperfections exceeding an area of six square centimetres (6 cm ²).
Defects/Diseases	Free from disease.	Slightly sunburnt and slightly affected by disease.	Affected by sunburnt and disease.
Maturity	Mature.	Mature.	Mature.
Oil content (%)	18% – 22%.	18% – 22%.	18% – 40%.
Peduncle (mm)	5 – 10 mm.	5 – 10 mm.	May be present or absent.
Size (size code)	12, 14 and 16.	12, 14 and 16.	Any.
Bruising (mm)	Skin bruising not exceeding 20 mm.	Skin bruising not exceeding 20 mm.	Skin bruising exceeding 20 mm.
Weight (grams)	250 – 350.	250 – 350.	Any.
Packaging	Crates or avocado containers recognized in accordance with the standards law, or other approved standard packaging.	Crates or avocado containers recognized in accordance with the standards law, or other approved standard packaging.	Baskets, sacks, or wooden boxes.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Made under regulations 15,18,20,22 and 23)

FORMS

Form No.1

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO IMPORT/EXPORT AVOCADO

☐ **IMPORT** ☐ **EXPORT**
(To be filled in Duplicate)

1. Full Name of Applicant:
2. Address:Telephone Number
.....
Email.....
3. Full Trading name (if different from 1 above)
.....
4. Location of the Business Plot
No:.....Street.....
Ward..... District Region.....

ADDITIONS

5. Type and quantity of avocado..... Quantity
(kilogram/tonnage)
6. Grade
7. Country of Origin/Destination
.....
8. Location/Station/Border point of crop exit/entry
9. **For Export Permit**
 - a. Proof of payment for the applicable fee (attach a copy of the receipt)
 - b. COPRA registration number
 - c. Copy of Business License from relevant authority
 - d. Invoice of the Consignment from Exporter
 - e. Current Bank Statement from Exporter (3 months Bank Statement) ;
 - f. Copy of Electronic Fiscal Device (EFD) Receipts from Local Government Authorities (LGA) paid for produce cess from respective Council in Tanzania Mainland; and
 - g. Release Order of previous permit (For those being applied and granted the permit) from TRA
 - h. Any other information or documents as may be required by the Authority
10. **For Import Permit**
 - a. COPRA registration number
 - b. Copy of Business License from relevant authority
 - c. Copy of Phytosanitary- Plant import certificate from exporting

- country
- d. Non GMO Declaration Certificate from Country of Origin/Exporting country
- e. Any other information or documents as may be required by the Authority

Signature of the applicant: Date:

AVOCADO EXPORT PERMIT

Form No. 2

Permit Serial No.

1. Full Name of Applicant:
.....
2. Address:
3. Email.....
4. Telephone Number
5. Full Trading name (if different from 1 above)
.....
6. Location of the Business Plot No:.....
Street..... Ward..... District
- Region.....

Is hereby authorized to export avocado in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Food Security Act, Cap. 249 and these Regulations.

No.	Variety	HS Code (if applicable)	Quantity (Kg / Tons)

Port/Airport/Border Point of Exit: to the country of Warehouse Number where the crop/product is stored:.....

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Issued on:.....
Expire on:.....
Name of Authorizing Officer:.....
Signature:.....
Designation:.....
Seal:.....

Form No. 3

AVOCADO IMPORT PERMIT

Permit Serial No.

1. Full Name of Applicant:
.....
2. Address:
3. Email.....
4. Telephone Number
5. Full Trading name (if different from 1 above)
.....

6. Location of the Business Plot No:.....
 Street..... Ward..... District
 Region.....

Is hereby authorized to import avocado in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Food Security Act, Cap. 249 and these Regulations.

No.	Variety	HS Code (if applicable)	Quantity (Kg / Tons)

Port/Airport/Border Point of Entry: from the country of

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Issued on:.....
 Expire on:.....
 Name of Authorizing Officer:.....
 Signature:.....
 Designation:.....
 Seal:.....

Form No.4

APPLICATION FORM FOR RECOGNITION AS AN AVOCADO HARVESTER

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

1. Full Name of Applicant:
2. Identification (National ID, Voter's Card, Passport, Driving Licence, etc.):
3. Address:
 Email:
 Telephone Number:
4. Type of Service (if different from above):
5. Business Location (if any):
 Plot Number:
 Street:
 Ward:
 District:
 Region:
6. Type of Recognition (*tick as appropriate*)

Individual	Cooperative	Group	Association/Society	Partnership	Company	Public Institution	Other (specify)

7. Type of Application for Recognition:

☐ Initial Training

☐ Refresher Training (Re-certification)

- Date of Training:
- Training Institution:
- Venue:
- Certificate Number:

☐ Cessation of Harvesting Services

- Experience period in harvesting:
- Area where harvesting services were provided:
.....
- Reason(s) for cessation of harvesting services:
.....
.....

8. Declaration

I, (Full Name of Applicant), hereby
declare that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my
knowledge.

9. Applicant's Signature:
Date:

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach copies of the following documents (*tick ✓ where attached*):

- ☐ Copy of identification document (National ID, Voter's Card, etc.)
- ☐ Certificate of company or business name registration (if not an individual)
- ☐ Training certificate from a recognised institution
- ☐ Passport-size photograph of the applicant / company directors / responsible officers
- ☐ Applicant's or company profile
- ☐ Photographs of harvesting equipment used
- ☐ Employment contracts for workers (where applicable for groups/companies)

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

I, hereby declare that the information provided is
true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 20__

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Recognition Number:

Name of Authorising Officer:

Signature:

Date: ____ / ____ / 20__

Form No. 5

HARVESTING CERTIFICATE

Certificate Number:

Name of Harvester:

.....
This is to certify that the above-named person/entity is duly registered as an Avocado Harvester in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed under the Food Safety Act, Cap. 249 and these Regulations.

Date of Issue:

Date of Expiry:

Name of Authorising Officer:

Signature:

Designation:

Official Stamp:

Form No. 6

APPLICATION FOR THE AVOCADO PURCHASING PERMIT

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

1. Full Name of Applicant:

2. Identification (National ID, Voter's Card, Passport, Driving Licence, etc.):

3. Address:

Email:

Telephone Number:

4. Business Location (if any):

Plot Number:

Street:

Ward:

District:

Region:

5. Legal Status of the Applicant (*tick as appropriate*)

Individual	Cooperative	Group	Association/Society	Partnership	Company	Public Institution	Other (specify)
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

I/We..... with the address and information provided above do hereby apply for avocado purchase permit on harvesting season starting from...../.....20.....to/.....20..... inDistrict within.....Region in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Food Security Act, Cap. 249 and these Regulations.

Declaration

I, (Full Name of Applicant), hereby declare that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach copies of the following documents (*tick ✓ where attached*):

- ☐ Copy of identification document (National ID, Voter's Card, etc.)
- ☐ Certificate of company or business name registration (if not an individual)
- ☐ Business licence (Local Government Authority or BRELA)
- ☐ TIN Certificate
- ☐ Bank statement
- ☐ Contract with farmers/cooperatives (if any)
- ☐ Applicant's or company profile
- ☐ Police Clearance Certificate

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

I, hereby declare that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 20__

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Application Number:

Name of Authorising Officer:

Signature:

Date: ____ / ____ / 20__

Form No. 7

AVOCADO PURCHASING PERMIT

Permit Serial No.

1. Full Name of Applicant:
.....
2. Address:
.....
3. Email.....
4. Telephone Number
5. Full Trading name (if different from 1 above)
.....

6. Location of the Business Plot No:.....
Street..... Ward..... District
Region.....

This is to certify that the above-named person/entity is duly permitted to purchase avocado on harvesting season starting from...../.....20.....to/.....20..... inDistrict within.....Region in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Food Security Act, Cap. 249 and these Regulations.

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Issued on:.....
Expire on:.....
Name of Authorizing Officer:.....
Signature:.....
Designation:.....
Seal:.....

Form No. 8

APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTRATION AS AN AVOCADO PURCHASING AGENT

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

1. Full Name of Applicant:
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2. Identification (National ID, Voter's Card, Passport, Driving Licence, etc.):
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3. Address:
.....
 Email:
 Telephone Number:
4. Full Business Name (if different from above):
.....
5. Business Location:
 Plot Number:
 Street:
 Ward:
 District:
 Region:
6. Type of Registration (*tick as appropriate*)

Individual	Cooperative	Group	Association/Society	Partnership	Company	Public Institution	Other (specify)
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

DECLARATION

7. I, (Full Name of Applicant), hereby declare that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: **Date:**

BUSINESS INFORMATION

8. Business experience/years engaged in agricultural or commercial activities:
.....
9. Affiliation with farmers' associations or cooperatives:
.....
10. Financial capacity (bank account details/financial statements):
.....
11. Produce storage facilities (warehouse/cold room):
.....

12. Commitment to comply with quality standards (*sign to confirm*):
.....

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach copies of the following documents (*tick ✓ where attached*):

- ☐ Copy of identification document (National ID, Voter's Card, etc.)
- ☐ Certificate of company or business name registration (where applicable)
- ☐ Business licence (Local Government Authority or BRELA)
- ☐ TIN Certificate
- ☐ Letter of introduction from the Street/Ward Government Authority
- ☐ Passport-size photograph of the applicant / company directors / responsible officers
- ☐ Passport-size photograph of each guarantor
- ☐ Copy of identification document of each guarantor
- ☐ Bank statement
- ☐ Contract with farmers/cooperatives (if any)
- ☐ Applicant's or company profile
- ☐ Police Clearance Certificate

(*Copies of attachments shall be submitted*)

GUARANTORS AND CONDITIONS OF GUARANTEE

Instructions: Please provide details of three guarantors who know you well and can attest to your character and integrity. Guarantors shall be reputable adults within the community, such as community leaders, religious leaders, employers, or trustworthy business persons.

First Guarantor

Full Name	Identification No.	Residential Address	Occupation/Activity	Relationship to Applicant	Period Known	Telephone	Signature/Stamp
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Guarantor's Declaration

I, (Full Name), holder of Identification No., being a (position/occupation), hereby confirm that I have known the Applicant for a period of (years/months). I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the Applicant is of good character, honest, and trustworthy. I acknowledge that the information provided may be used for legal purposes if necessary.

Second Guarantor

Full Name	Identification No.	Residential Address	Occupation/Activity	Relationship to Applicant	Period Known	Telephone	Signature/Stamp
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Guarantor's Declaration

I, (Full Name), holder of Identification No., being a (position/occupation), hereby confirm that I have known the Applicant for a period of (years/months). I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the Applicant is of good character, honest, and trustworthy. I acknowledge that the information provided may be used for legal purposes if necessary.

CONDITIONS OF GUARANTEE

- (a) The guarantor confirms having accurate knowledge of the applicant's character and background.
- (b) The guarantor shall be responsible for providing information should any issues arise concerning the applicant's integrity or performance.
- (c) The guarantor acknowledges that participation is voluntary and that any information provided may be used for legal purposes.
- (d) COPRA reserves the right to contact guarantors for the purpose of verifying the applicant's information.

APPLICANT'S CONFIRMATION

I hereby confirm that all information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

Applicant's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 20__

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No.	Guarantor's Name	Contacted (Yes/No)	Date of Contact	Verification Result (Confirmed/Not Confirmed)	Verifying Officer's Signature
1.					
2.					

Remarks by Verifying Officer (if any):

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Name of Verifying Officer:

Signature: Date: ____ / ____ / 20__

Registration Number:

Name of Approving Officer:

Signature: **Date:** ____ / ____ / 20__

Form No. 9

AVOCADO PURCHASING AGENT CERTIFICATE

Registration Number:

Name of Agent:

This is to certify that the above-named person/entity is duly registered as an Avocado Purchaser Agent in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed under the Food Safety Act, Cap. 249 and these Regulations.

Date of Issue:

Date of Expiry:

Name of Authorising Officer:

Signature:

Designation:

Official Stamp:

Dodoma,
....., 2026

DANIEL G. CHONGOLO
Minister for Agriculture