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(CAP. 180)

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(Made under section 44)

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PART I
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Grazing – Land and Animal Feed Resources (Packaging, Branding, Labeling and Sealing of Animal Feed Resources), Regulations, 2021 and shall come into operation on the date of their publication.

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Cap. 180.

2. These Regulations shall apply to Mainland Tanzania.

3. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Act” means Grazing –Land and Animal Feed Resources Act;

“Batch number” means an identification number which is used to trace animal feed resources in manufacture and in distribution;

“Brand” means a set of marketing and communication methods that help to distinguish a company or products from competitors include components such as logos and trademarks;

“Bulk transportation” means transport of large quantity of animal feed resources in lorries, ships or by rail;

- “Country of Origin” means the country of manufacture, production or growth or where product comes from or when the animal feed resources undergo processing in a second country which changes its nature, the country in which the processing is, performed shall be considered to be the country of origin for the purposes of labeling;
- “Date of manufacture” means the date on which the Animal Feed Resources becomes the product as described;
- “Date of packaging” means the date on which the Animal Feed Resources are placed in a package;
- “expiry date” means the date which signifies the end of the estimated period under any stated storage conditions, after which the quality of the Animal Feed Resources may have diminished and will not have the quality and safety attributes expected by the consumers by which the Animal Feed Resources shall not be sold;
- “liquid medium” means water or aqueous solutions either singly or in combination;
- “multi-piece package” means a package containing two or more individually Packaged or labeled pieces of the same commodity of identical quantity, intended for retail either in individual pieces or packages;
- “package” shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the Act;
- “packaging” means coordinated system of preparing animal feed resources for transport, distribution, storage, retail and end use to satisfy the ultimate consumer with optimal cost;
- “packaging material” means any material used to protect or pack animal feed resources for purposes of transporting, storing or marketing;
- “Principal Display Panel” means that part of the package which is intended or likely to be displayed or presented or shown or examined by the customer under normal and customary conditions of display,

sale or purchase of the commodity contained therein;

“wholesale package” means a commodity of Animal Feed Resources sold to an intermediary in bulk to enable such intermediary to use, sell, distribute or deliver such commodity of Animal Feed Resources to the consumer in smaller quantities.

PART II

PACKAGING, BRANDING, LABELING AND SEALING OF ANIMAL FEED RESOURCES

General
requirements

4.-(1) A person shall not distribute for commercial purposes or import into Mainland Tanzania any animal feed resources unless it is packaged, labeled and sealed in a manner approved by the Director.

(2) Any person intending to package, label or seal animal feed resources products shall submit an application to the Director as prescribed under these Registrations.

(3) A person shall not supply any animal feed resources of any description in a manner that the package used is labeled or marked in such a way that:

- (a) falsely describes the product;
- (b) is likely to mislead the nature, quality, efficacy and safety of the product or is deceptive; or
- (c) is likely to create an erroneous impression regarding its character in any respect as to the use or effects of animal feed resources of that description.

PART III

REQUIREMENTS FOR PACKAGING, BRANDING, LABELING AND SEALING OF FORMULA FEED

Packaging of
formula feed

5.- (1) A person shall not pack any formula feed listed in paragraph K of the Third Schedule of the Act in a manner that may alter its efficacy, safety and or quality.

(2) Subject to the provision of sub-regulation (1) all formula feed shall be packaged in the manner set out in the First Schedule.

Packaging
materials

6. All formula feed shall be prepared, packed and stored using utensils or packages made of materials specified in the First Schedule.

Branding of
formula feeds

7.-(1) A person shall brand formula feed for the purposes of recognition, traceability and customer loyalty, to ensure quality consistency and to capitalize on brand exposure.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-regulation (1) a manufacturer shall submit his product brand to the Director for purposes of animal feed resources safety, traceability and protection.

(3) The Director shall keep and maintain records of registered brands.

(4) Subject to the provision of sub-regulation (1) the formula feed manufacturer shall not sell or export formula feed which is not in conformity with the brand submitted to the Director.

Labeling of
formula feeds

8.-(1) A person shall not sell, supply or have in his possession, for the purposes of distributing, selling or supplying any formula feed unless the feed is packaged in a package using an approved label.

(2) Subject to the provision of sub-regulation (1) any package of formula feed shall be conspicuously and indelibly labeled showing *inter alia* the following particulars:-

- (a) name and full postal and business address of the manufacturer or distributor or seller;
- (b) brand name or product name
- (c) batch number
- (d) net weight of the product packed in it;
- (e) a guaranteed analysis of the product relative to the quality of the animal feed resources by the manufacturer containing nutritive value of the total weight packaged;
- (f) the date of manufacture and date of expiry or other code or reference figure or letter by the product;

- (g) directions and precautions on the use of the product and such other particulars as may be stipulated by the Relevant Authority
- (h) information about the species or category of animals for which the feed is intended;
- (i) directions on storage temperature and humidity; and
- (j) country and place of origin.

(3) Every formula feed shall carry a label containing information in accordance with the requirements in regulation 7(2).

(4) The particulars of declaration required under these Regulations specified on the label shall be in English or Kiswahili language; provided that nothing contained herein shall prevent the use of any other language in addition to the language required under these regulations.

(5) Labels shall be pasted, attached, stitched, embroidered or stamped in a manner that they shall not be separated from the package.

(6) Contents on the label shall be clear, prominent, indelible and easily legible under normal conditions of purchase and use.

(7) Formula feed shall be:

- (i) labeled in a legible and visible manner and shall carry all the necessary information as prescribed in regulation 7(2); and
- (ii) for formula feeds the wrapper shall be applied in such a manner that the label on the package is legible through the outer wrapper and not obscured by it.

(8) General information on formula feed shall be in the manner as set out in the Second Schedule.

Sealing of
formula feed

9.-(1) All sealing formula feed materials shall comply with all legal requirements as set out in the Third Schedule and shall at minimum, conform to the requirements of Tanzania Bureau of Standards.

(2) Subject to the provision of sub-regulation (1)

sealing of formula feed shall maintain the physical and chemical composition and prevent wastage.

PART IV

REQUIREMENTS FOR PACKAGING, LABELING AND SEALING OF NON-REGISTRABLE ANIMAL FEED RESOURCES

Packaging

10. A person shall not export or import non-registrable feed resource unless it is packed in a package as set out in the First Schedule.

Labeling

11.-(1) Non- registrable animal feed resources shall not be imported or exported in packaging materials that do not have *inter alia* the following information:

- (a) name of product;
- (b) name and address of importer or exporter;
- (c) net weight;
- (d) manufacturing and expiry date;
- (e) directions and precautions for use;
- (f) information about the species or category of animals for which the feed is intended;
- (g) directions on storage temperature and humidity;
- (h) the country or place of origin.

(2) All non registrable animal feed resources shall bear a label conspicuously, indelibly and firmly attached onto the package.

(3) Subject to the provision of sub-regulation (1) the Director shall in exceptional circumstances including bulk transportation approve a contract between the importer and exporter describing the animal feed resources to accompany the consignment and such approval shall be valid for two years.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation (3) the approval by the Director shall be in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule.

Sealing

12. A person shall not export or import non-registrable animal feed resources unless the feed package is sealed as set out in the First schedule.

PART V
PACKAGING, BRANDING, LABELING AND SEALING OF ANIMAL
FEED RESOURCES ADDITIVES

Packaging of
feed additives

13.-(1) The feed additives shall be subject to quality control tests and the record shall be attached to the approved products; otherwise such products shall not be sold.

(2) The packaging of feed additives shall comply with the National Regulations on safety and hygiene.

(3) The flammable feed additives, or those with special requirements shall carry the appropriate symbol and instructions for transport.

(4) The packaging of feed additives shall not be used repeatedly unless there is an agreement between the producer and the user.

Branding of
feed
additives

14. A person shall not sell animal feed resources additives unless the brand is indicated on the label provided for such animal feed resources additives.

Labeling of feed
additives

15.-(1) The packaging of feed additives shall carry a label showing the following:

- (a) name of product;
- (b) brand and trade name;
- (c) ingredients;
- (d) nutritional composition;
- (e) type and class of livestock;
- (f) net weight;
- (g) date of production and expiry;
- (h) manufacturer's name and address;
- (i) code or, barcode or batch number;
- (j) instructions for storage, use and warnings; and
- (k) Registration Number.

(2) The label on feed containing "drug feed additives" shall be marked "containing drug feed additives" and shall give its chemical name, content, usage and warnings.

(2) Subject to the provision of sub-regulation (1) sealing of feed additives shall maintain the physical and chemical composition and prevent wastage.

17. A person shall not make changes in the packaging, branding, label and seal without a written approval from the Director.

18. All labels shall be written in the English or Kiswahili language or both languages.

19. Any person who contravenes any provision of these Regulations commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than one million shillings but not exceeding five million shillings or to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years but not exceeding years or to both.

21. The Grazing – Land and Animal Feed Resources (Packaging, Branding, Labeling and Sealing of Animal Feed Resources), Regulations is hereby repealed.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Made under regulation 5(2))

PACKING OF FORMULA FEEDS

1. Important materials for packing formula feed shall be:
 - (a) clean and sound plain jute or High Density Polyethylene or cloth or paper bags, in such quantities as may be specified by the Registering Authority;
 - (b) plastic packaging shall be non-biodegradable due to the possible interactions with the formula feed. and biodegradable polymers often require special composition conditions to properly degrade;
 - (c) normal sealed land-filled conditions that do not promote biodegradation and Biodegradable plastic include biodegradable films and coatings synthesized from organic materials and microbial polymers;
 - (d) formula feed shall be packed in moisture-proof sound and clean bags, free from causal agents of infectious diseases and parasites in such quantities as may be specified by the Registering Authority; and
 - (e) packaging must be tightly sealed to prevent product from spilling or leaking and shall be resilient to ensure the product remains uncompromised at all stages of distribution until opened by the consumer.
2. Formula feed shall be packed in the following materials:
 - (a) containers which are not rusty; and
 - (b) enameled containers which are not chipped and rusty; and
 - (c) container, tanker, hatch, pouch and bales for bulk transportation.
3. Containers made of plastic materials shall conform to the Tanzanian Standards Specification, used as appliances or receptacles for packing or storing whether partly or wholly, formula feeds.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Made under regulation 8(8))

LABELING OF FORMULA FEEDS

(1) The specific requirements for label contents vary among different classes of feed. For purposes of these regulations, all animal feed labels shall display the following information in the prescribed order:

- (a) trade name;
- (b) product names;
- (c) type of animal feed;
- (d) registration number;
- (e) guaranteed analysis statement (but not limited to ME, CP, CF, FAT and MINERALS);
- (f) quantity or net weight statement;
- (g) instructions for use; and
- (h) feeding directions for safe and efficient use, including warning statements where applicable.

(2) The said label shall indicate:

- (a) type of animal;
- (b) age of animal;
- (c) physiological status of the animal; and
- (d) amount to be used (where applicable, shall be included on the label, if necessary, to ensure correct utilization of the animal feed resources).

(3) The label shall indicate the contact information of the manufacturer as follows:

- (a) name of manufacturer;
- (b) complete address of the manufacturer to include; postal address, phone Number and e-mail;
- (c) lot/Code/Batch identification;
- (d) date of manufacture, (the date, month and year in which the commodity is manufactured);
and
- (e) expiry date.

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Made under regulation 9(1))

SEALING OF FORMULA FEED

List of legal requirements for seal:

1. Guide to selecting a proper filling material for animal feed resources application:

Irrespective of their type and occurrence, be it in process media, in raw materials for products, or in finished products the materials for seal and engineered components used in production equipment coming into contact with diverse chemical substances have to meet specific purity requirements and be resistance to chemicals under the given process conditions.

2. Animal Health and Safety:

Qualitative aspects such as neutrality with respect to taste and odour generally have to ensure whenever materials are utilized in animal feed resources production.

3. Process diversity:

Seals and sealing compounds used be in terms of resistance against chemical substances and various process media, temperature, pressure and mechanical loads or special sanitary requirements

4. Materials diversity:

The appropriate selection of sealing compounds is made based on the required properties profile in combination with the necessary approvals and conformities existing for respective materials.

5. Sealing of Formula Feed:

Importance of proper sealing of formula feed:-

- (i) helps to keep Animal Feed Resources from drying out.
- (ii) preserves nutrition, flavour, texture and colour.
- (iii) prevents wastage of Formula Feeds.

6. Important considerations with regards to sealing films:

There a number of factors that should be considered, including-

- (a) The suitability of films for a sealing at higher speed;
- (b) The selection or creation of the right jaw profile for the film used;
- (c) Balancing quality against cost; and
- (d) The need to find films that suit the sealing method, product type and desired packed style.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

(Made under regulation 11(4))

LABELING OF BULK TRANSPORTATION IN ANIMAL FEED RESOURCES

1. An animal feed resources product is exempted from having a “declaration” on the label of the common or usual name of each ingredients when the feed is fabricated from two or more ingredients received in bulk container at a retailed establishment and displayed to the purchaser with either;
 - (i) the labeling of bulk container plainly in view provided ingredient information appears prominently and conspicuously or
 - (ii) a counter card signed or other appropriate device bearing prominently and conspicuously the information required to be stated on the label.
2. A shipment or other delivery of animal feed resources which is; in accordance with the practice of the trade to be processed, labeled, or repacked in substantial quantity at an establishment other than that where originally processed or packed shall be exempted during the time of movement in between countries.
3. In case of No 1 and 2 above the applicant shall fill the following application form for exemption of bulk labeling of animal feed resources:

APPLICATION FORM FOR EXEMPTION OF BULK LABELING OF ANIMAL FEED RESOURCES

Name of applicant (Company/Institution/Individual):

..... Physical address: Plot No.....

Street/village.....Ward.....

District..... Region.....

Postal address: Tel No:

Email:

I/We hereby apply for exemption of bulk labeling of animal feed resources.

Name: IMPORTER/EXPORTER/MANUFACTURER.....

Type of animal feed resources:

Country of origin/place..... Country of destination

Signature: Date :

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Application approved/not approved.

Reasons for not approving:

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Date

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Signature of Director and stamp

Duly filled application form shall be accompanied with certified copies of the following:

1. certificate of Importation or exportation;
2. business license.
3. certificate of Tax Identification; and
4. contractual agreement.

Dodoma,
6th April, 2021

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