

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO-----
THE HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER TRADE ACT, 2008
(No 18 of 2008)

REGULATIONS

Made under Section 34

**THE HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER TRADE (GRADING OF
HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER) REGULATIONS, 2009**

PART I PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS		
Citation	1.	These Regulations may be cited as the Hides, Skins and Leather Trade (Grading of hides, skins and leather) Regulations, 2009.
Scope of Application	2.	These regulations shall apply to all registered and licensed premises for curing, processing and trading in hides, skins or leather.
Interpretation	3.	In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires:- "belly" means that portion of a side which lies more distant from the backbone when a line drawn parallel to the backbone line divides the side so that the portion more distant from the backbone line forms approximately 23 per cent of the side area; "brand marks" means marks made on the hair side of the hide with hot irons or chemical which damage the grain surface; "butt" means that portion of a side which

	remains when the belly has been removed; “good shape” in relation to a hide, means a shape which is symmetrical and as square as possible and free from irregularities; “good trim” in relation to a hide means that the hide is one of which the front shanks have been cut off at the level of the knees and the shanks at the level of the hocks and which contains no irregularities; “gouge marks” means cut into a hide substance on the flesh side of a hide which do not penetrate through to the hair side; “hair slip” means loss of loosening of hair as a result of putrefactive changes; “pickled pelt” means skin from which hair or wool have been removed, may be limed, bated, pickled or tanned; “shoulder” means that portion of a crop lying nearer to the head when a line is drawn perpendicularly to the backbone line just behind the foreleg and does not include the front shank; “salting” means preservation of hides and skins using salt; “side” means that portions of a hide which is obtained when the hide is divided from head to tail along the line of the backbone; “tainting” means processing an odour of putrefaction; “vermin” means a vertebrate or an invertebrate that causes damage to hide,
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		skin or leather; "wet blue" means hides or skins treated with chrome; and "wet salted" means hides or skins cured by putting salt on the flesh side.
Objective	4.	The objective of these regulations is to enhance the trading of hides, skins or leather based on standardized characteristics for species, method of processing, classes, to get quality and yield grades for intended use.
PART II ADMINISTRATION		
Terms and conditions of grading	5.	(1) No person other than a hide grader shall grade a hide, skin or leather for the purpose of these regulations. (2) No person shall sell or buy a hide, skin or leather unless it is graded. (3) A hide grader shall grade a hide, skin or leather at a registered or licensed premise in the presence of dealer. (4) In performing the grading service, the hide grader shall affix a tag on baled hides, skins or leather showing grade, type, and class and identification code that denotes premise of origin as set out in the First Schedule. (5) The identification code prescribed in sub-regulation (4) shall be allocated by the Director to the registered and licensed premise. (6) Subject to sub-regulation (4) the identification code shall only be used in the registered or licensed premise to which it has

		been allocated. (7) No hide grader shall grade a hide, skin or leather unless:- (a) it bears a health certificate from the veterinary authority in the case of raw hide or skin ; (b) in the process of grading it is weighed on an approved scale; and (c) the grading platform is adequately lightened.
Grading note	6.	A grading note shall be issued by a hide grader to a dealer in respect of a graded hide, skin or leather as set out in the Second Schedule.

PART III GRADING OF HIDES AND SKINS

Grading standards for hides, skins and leather	7.	(1) There shall be hides and skins, grades that conform to the standards specified in the Third Schedule of these Regulations. 2. Subject to sub-regulation (1):- (a) a hide or skin of grade I quality shall be:- (i) thoroughly dry, clean and free from taint; (ii) of good shape and good trim; (iii) apparently undamaged by smoke or water; (iv) free from crumpling and distortion by drying under uneven tension; (v) free from brand marks; (vi) undamaged by insect or vermin; (vii) unblemished by disease, old wounds, scratches or abrasions; (viii) free from hair slip; (ix) free from holes (other than small flay cuts or suspension holes outside the butt area); and (x) free from excessive gouge marks.
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		(b) a hide or skin which would otherwise be of grade I quality shall be of Grade II quality where it suffers from one only of the following defects:- (i) having not more than two cuts each of four inches or less; (ii) excessive gouge marks; (iii) damage by insect or vermin outside the butt; (iv) disfigurement due to disease outside the butt; (v) brand marks, bruises, scars or scratches on one side only and not involving more than 10 per centum of the total area of the butt. (c) a hide or skin of grade III quality shall have at least one half of its total area completely free from defects and taint, and be free from hair slip in the butt. (d) a hide or skin grade IV quality shall have at least one third of its area completely free from defects and be free from hair slip over two- third of its area and completely free from taint. (e). a hide or skin which is not Grade IV quality shall be classed as a reject. (3) The grading of leather shall conform to the standards specified in the Fourth Schedule (4) No grader shall, when grading assign a grade to the hides, skins or leather unless it meets the standards set out in the Third and Fourth Schedules.
Licensing of hide grader	8.	(1) There shall be graders for hides, skins and leather for every registered and licensed premise. (2) A hide grader shall have a valid

		profession certificate and proven experience in hides skins and leather grading. (3) An application for a hide graders license shall be made to a licensing authority in the prescribed form provided for the purpose by the Licensing Authority as set out in the Fifth Schedule and shall be accompanied by certified copy of professional qualifications of the applicant and application fee of five thousands Tanzanian shillings. (4) The Licensing Authority upon receipt of the application form:- (a) shall scrutinize and approve the application and issue a license; or (b) reject the application and inform the applicant accordingly stating reasons for the decision. (5) The hide grader's license issued under sub-regulation (4) shall be as set out in the Sixth Schedule. (6) A hide grader granted a license under sub-regulation (4) shall be required to pay an annual licensing fee of ten thousand shillings. (7) Subject to sub-regulation (6) the Licensing Authority may vary the fees from time to time as it may deem fit. (8) Every holder of a hide grader's license shall, when engaged in his occupation of grading hides and skins, carry such license on his person and shall produce such license when called upon to do so by an Inspector.
Register of hide grader	9.	(1) The licensing authority shall cause to be kept and maintain a register of all licensed graders to whom the licensing authority has granted license under the Act. (2)The Register shall contain information as set out in the Seventh Schedule.
PART IV		

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS		
Offence and penalties	10.	Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred thousands Tanzanian Shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both fine and imprisonment.

FIRST SCHEDULE
(Made under Regulation 5)

The marks shown in the second column below have been allocated to the Regions shown in the first column.

REGION	REGION CODE	COUNCIL	COUNCIL CODE	COUNCIL REGISTERED CODE	PREMISE MARK
ARUSHA	TA	ARUSHA MC	1	TA1	TA1...
		ARUSHA DC	2	TA2	TA2...
		KARATU DC	3	TA3	TA3...
		MONDULI DC	4	TA4	TA4...
		MERU DC	5	TA5	TA5...
		NGORONGORO DC	6	TA6	TA6...
COAST	TB	RIFIJI DC	1	TB1	TB1...
		BAGAMOYO DC	2	TB2	TB2...
		KIBAHA DC	3	TB3	TB3...
		MAFIA DC	4	TB4	TB4...
		KISARAWA DC	5	TB5	TB5...
		MKURANGA DC	6	TB6	TB6...
		KIBAHA TC	7	TB7	TB7...
DAR ES SALAAM	TC	ILALA MC	1	TC1	TC1...
		KINONDONI MC	2	TC2	TC2...
		TEMEKE MC	3	TC3	TC3...
DODOMA	TD	CHAMWINO DC	1	TD1	TD1...
		KONDOA DC	2	TD2	TD2...
		DODOMA MC	3	TD3	TD3...
		MPWAPWA DC	4	TD4	TD4...
		KONGWA DC	5	TD5	TD5...
		BAHI DC	6	TD6	TD6...
IRINGA	TE	NJOMBE DC	1	TE1	TE1...
		NJOMBE TC	2	TE2	TE2...
		KJILOLO DC	3	TE3	TE3...
		IRINGA MC	4	TE4	TE4...
		IRINGA DC	5	TE5	TE5...
		MAKETI DC	6	TE6	TE6...
		MUFINDI DC	7	TE7	TE7...
		LUDEWA DC	8	TE8	TE8...
KAGERA	TF	CHATO DC	1	TF1	TF1...
		KARAGWE DC	2	TF2	TF2...
		MISENYI DC	3	TF3	TF3...
		BUKOBA MC	4	TF4	TF4...
		BUKOBA DC	5	TF5	TF5...
		NGARA DC	6	TF6	TF6...

REGION	REGION CODE	COUNCIL	COUNCIL CODE	COUNCIL REGISTERED CODE	PREMISE MARK
		MULEBA	7	TF7	TF7...
		BIHARAMULO DC	8	TF8	TF8...
KIGOMA	TG	KIBONDO DC	1	TG1	TG1...
		KASULU DC	2	TG2	TG2...
		KIGOMA DC	3	TG3	TG3...
		KIGOMA MC	4	TG4	TG4...
KILIMANJARO	TH	ROMBO DC	1	TH1	TH1...
		SAME DC	2	TH2	TH2...
		HAI DC	3	TH3	TH3...
		MWANGA DC	4	TH4	TH4...
		MOSHI MC	5	TH5	TH5...
		SIHA DC	6	TH6	TH6...
		MOSHI DC	7	TH7	TH7...
LINDI	TJ	NACHINGWEA DC	1	TJ1	TJ1...
		LINDI DC	2	TJ2	TJ2...
		RUANGWA DC	3	TJ3	TJ3...
		KILWA DC	4	TJ4	TJ4...
MARA	TK	MUSOMA MC	1	TK1	TK1...
		MUSOMA DC	2	TK2	TK2...
		BUNDA DC	3	TK3	TK3...
		TARIME DC	4	TK4	TK4...
		RORYA DC	5	TK5	TK5...
		SERENGETI DC	6	TK6	TK6...
MANYARA	TL	KITETO DC	1	TL1	TL1...
		HANANG DC	2	TL2	TL2...
		MBULU DC	3	TL3	TL3...
		SIMANJIRO DC	4	TL4	TL4...
		BABNATI DC	5	TL5	TL5...
		BABATI TC	6	TL6	TL6...
MBEYA	TM	MBOZI DC	1	TM1	TM1...
		ILEJE DC	2	TM2	TM2...
		CHUNYA DC	3	TM3	TM3...
		RUNGWE DC	4	TM4	TM4...
		MBEYA DC	5	TM5	TM5...
		MBARALI DC	6	TM6	TM6...
		KYELA DC	7	TM7	TM7...

REGION	REGION CODE	COUNCIL	COUNCIL CODE	COUNCIL REGISTERED CODE	PREMISE MARK
		MBEYA CC	8	TM8	TM8...
MOROGORO	TN	ULANGA DC	1	TN1	TN1...
		MOROGORO DC	2	TN2	TN2...
		MOROGORO MC	3	TN3	TN3...
		MVOMERO DC	4	TN4	TN4...
		KILOSA DC	5	TN5	TN5...
		KILOMBERO DC	6	TN6	TN6...
MTWARA	TP	MTWARA MC	1	TP1	TP1...
		NEWALA DC	2	TP2	TP2...
		MASASI DC	3	TP3	TP3...
		MTWARA DC	4	TP4	TP4...
		TANDAHIMBA DC	5	TP5	TP5...
		NANYUMBU DC	6	TP6	TP6...
MWANZA	TQ	MWANZA CC	1	TQ1	TQ1...
		ILEMELA MC	2	TQ2	TQ2...
		NYAMAGANA MC	3	TQ3	TQ3...
		UKEREWE DC	4	TQ4	TQ4...
		GEITA DC	5	TQ5	TQ5...
		KWIMBA DC	6	TQ6	TQ6...
		SENGEREMA DC	7	TQ7	TQ7...
		MAGU DC	8	TQ8	TQ8...
		MISUNGWI DC	9	TQ9	TQ...
RUKWA	TR	MPANDA DC	1	TR1	TR1...
		NKASI DC	2	TR2	TR2...
		SUMBAWANGA MC	3	TR3	TR3...
		SUMBAWANGA DC	4	TR4	TR4...
RUVUMA	TS	MBINGA DC	1	TS1	TS1...
		SONGEA MC	2	TS2	TS2...
		SONGEA DC	3	TS3	TS3...
		TUNDURU DC	4	TS4	TS4...
		NAMTUMBO DC	5	TS5	TS5...
SHINYANGA	TT	KISHAPU DC	1	TT1	TT1...
		KAHAMA DC	2	TT2	TT2...

REGION	REGION CODE	COUNCIL	COUNCIL CODE	COUNCIL REGISTERED CODE	PREMISE MARK
		SHINYANGA MC	3	TT3	TT3...
		MASWA DC	4	TT4	TT4...
		BARIADI DC	5	TT5	TT5...
		SHINYANGA DC	6	TT6	TT6...
		BUKOMBE DC	7	TT7	TT7...
		MEATU DC	8	TT8	TT8...
SINGIDA	TU	SINGIDA MC	1	TU1	TU1...
		SINGIDA DC	2	TU2	TU2...
		MANYONI DC	3	TU3	TU3...
		IRAMBA DC	4	TU4	TU4...
TABORA	TV	IGUNGA DC	1	TV1	TV1...
		TABORA MC	2	TV2	TV2...
		NZEGA DC	3	TV3	TV3...
		URAMBO DC	4	TV4	TV4...
		UYUI DC	5	TV5	TV5...
		SIKONGE DC	6	TV6	TV6...
TANGA	TW	KOROGWE TC	1	TW1	TW1...
		KOROGWE DC	2	TW2	TW2...
		LUSHOTO DC	3	TW3	TW3...
		MUHWZA DC	4	TW4	TW4...
		;PANGANI DC	5	TW5	TW5...
		TANGA CC	6	TW6	TW6...
		KILINDI DC	7	TW7	TW7...
		MKINGA DC	8	TW8	TW8...
		HANDENI DC	9	TW9	TW9...

* Premises in the same Council will be allocated alphabet (a to z)

SECOND SCHEDULE
(Made under Regulation 6)

GRADING NOTE

NAME OF PREMISE-----

DATE-----

	Grade I			Grade II			Grade III			Grade IV		
	Pieces	Total kg	Price**	Pieces	Total kg	Price**	Pieces	Total kg	Price**	Pieces	Total kg	Price**
Suspension Dried Cattle Hides skins { Sheep Goat Others*												
Green Cattle Hides skins { Sheep Goat Others*												
We salted Cattle Hides skins { Sheep Goat Others*												
Dry Salted Cattle Hides skins { Sheep Goat Others*												

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**** Prices of hides to be expressed in shillings per kg weight. Prices of skins to be expressed in shillings per piece.**

THIRD SCHEDULE

GUIDELINES FOR GRADING HIDES AND SKINS

(Made under Regulation 7)

GRADE		Defects				
		Natural defects, diseases, parasites, ringworm, anthrax, etc	Mechanically caused defects brands, wound etc	Dirt, during urine sand, seeds etc	Flaying defects, cuts, holes scores, cracks, etc	Putrefaction on hair slip, red heat, salt, stations, etc
1 st	Location	1-2	1-2	0	1	0
	Concentration	1	1	0	1	0
	Depth	1	1	0	1	0
	Surface	1	1	1	1-2	-
2 nd	Location	3-4	3-4	3-4	2-3	1-2
	Concentration	1	1	1	1	1
	Depth	1	1	1	1	1
	Surface	1	1	1	1-2	1
3 rd	Location	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3
	Concentration	2	2	2	2	2
	Depth	2	2	2	2	2
	Surface	1	1	1	1-2	1
4 th	Location	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4
	Concentration	2	3	2	3	3
	Depth	2	2	2	2	2
	Surface	1-2	1	1-2	1-2	1-2

LEGEND-code

	0	1	2	3	4
Location		Periphery	Leg, tail	Shoulder, belly	Butt
Concentration	None	Low	Medium	High	
Depth		Superficial	Through		
Surface		Grain	Flesh		

FOURTH SCHEDULE

GRADES OF LEATHER

(Made under Regulation 7)

Leather – Wet-blue chrome – Specification

Grading of wet-blue chrome leather

Grade	Visually assessed allowable defects area	Chemical and physical requirements specified in table 3 herein
I	Leather with 0% – 10% allowable defects area	To pass the tests
II	Leather with 11% – 25% allowable defects area	To pass the tests
III	Leather with 26% – 35% allowable defects area	To pass the tests
IV		To pass the tests
V	Leather with 36% – 55% allowable defects area	To pass the tests
R (Reject)	Leather with 56% – 85% allowable defects area Leather with 86% – 100% allowable defects area	

Grading of wet-blue chrome tanned leather from goat, sheep and calf skins by size

Skin type	Category by size	Size in dm ² per skin	Size in ft ² per skin
Goat	Small	27.9 – 41.8	3 – 4.5
	Medium	42.8 – 46.5	4.6 – 5
	Large	47.4 and up	5.1 and up
	Lining (export)	27.9 – 55.7	3 – 6
	Glance kid and lining	13.9 – 55.7	1.5 – 6
	export	13.9 – 27.9	1.5 – 3
Sheep	Small	13.9 – 27.9	1.5 – 3
	Medium	28.8 – 46.5	3.1 – 5
	Large	47.4 and up	5.1 and up
Calf	Average	41.8	4.5

Chemical and physical requirements for wet-blue chrome tanned leather

Characteristics	Sheep skin	Goat skin	Calf skin	Cattle hides	Methods of test (see clause 2)
Chromium (as Cr ₂ O ₃) per cent by mass, <i>min.</i>	2	2	2	2	TZS 198
pH of water solubles, <i>min.</i>	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	TZS 199
Moisture content, percent by mass, <i>max.</i>	60	60	60	60	TZS 194
	90	90	90	90	TZS 201
Shrinkage temperature °C, <i>min.</i>					

Leather – Chrome crust – Specification

Grading of chrome crust leather

Grade	Visually assessed allowable defects area	Chemical and physical requirements specified in table 2 herein
I	Leather with 0% – 10% allowable defects area	To pass the tests
II	Leather with 11% – 25% allowable defects area	To pass the tests
III	Leather with 26% – 35% allowable defects area	To pass the tests
IV	Leather with 36% – 55% allowable defects area	To pass the tests
V	Leather with 56% – 85% allowable defects area	To pass the tests
R (Reject)	Leather with 86% – 100% allowable defects area	

Chemical and physical requirements for chrome crust leather

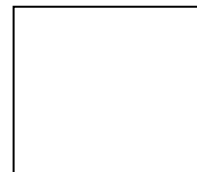
Characteristics	Goat skin	Sheep skin	Calf skin	Cattle hide	Methods of test (see clause 2)
Chromium (as Cr_2O_3) percent by mass, <i>min.</i>	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	TZS 198
pH of water solubles, <i>min.</i>	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	TZS 199
Solvent extractable substances percent by mass, <i>max.</i>	3.0 – 7.0	3.0 – 7.0	3.0 – 7.0	3.0 – 7.0	TZS 195
Moisture content, percent by mass, <i>max.</i>	12	12	12	12	TZS 194
Shrinkage temperature at wet-blue stage $^{\circ}\text{C}$, <i>min.</i>	90	90	90	90	TZS 201

FIFTH SCHEDULE

(Made under Regulation 5)

APPLICATION FORM FOR HIDE GRADER'S LICENSE

To-----



I hereby apply for a new/renewal of a graders license in accordance with the Hides, Skins and Leather Trade Act No. 18 of 2008.

1. Name of applicant.....
2. Postal address
3. Plot No.....Street.....Village.....
Ward.....District.....Region.....
4. Qualifications-----
5. Experience-----
6. I shall adhere to relevant legislations for grading of hides, skins and leather

Date..... Signed.....

INSPECTORS RECOMMENDATIONS

Date..... Signed.....

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License granted/not granted.
Reasons.....

License No.....Licensing Authority.....

Name.....
Signature.....
Licensing Authority
Stamp
Date.....

SIXTH SCHEDULE

HIDE GRADER'S LICENSE

License No.....

Name of licensee:

Name and Postal address of employer-----

Designation.....

Area of operation.....

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Licensee signature

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Licensing Authority

Signature

Date of issue

Date of expiry-----

Fee paid-----

ERV No-----



SEVENTH SCHEDULE

GRADER'S REGISTER

S/N	Name	Address	Location of Premise	License Number	Date of Issue	Date of Expiry

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