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THE FOOD SECURITY ACT,
(CAP. 249)

REGULATIONS

(Made under section 42)

THE FOOD SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION OF EDIBLE OIL) REGULATIONS, 2026

- Citation **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Food Security (Administration of Edible Oil) Regulations, 2026.
- Interpretation **2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -
- Cap. 249 “Act” means the Food Security Act;
 “Authority” shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the Act;
 “edible oil” means oil fit for human consumption, whether crude or refined;
 “trader” includes a person who is engaged in the business of procuring, processing, importing, exporting, distribution or sale of edible oil; and
 “relevant authority” means the Government body legally empowered to issue a business license for trading in edible oil.
- Registration of trader **3.-(1)** A person who intends to become a trader shall apply to the Authority for registration through Form No. 1 specified in the Schedule.
 (2) An application for a registration by a trader shall be accompanied by the following:
 (a) certificate of registration or incorporation in case of a company, cooperative society or association;
 (b) National Identity Card or any other form of recognised identification in case of an individual;
 (c) valid business licence;

- (d) Tax Identification Number; and
- (e) any other information or document as may be required by the Authority upon submission of the application.

(3) The Authority shall, upon satisfaction that an applicant has met the requirements under these Regulations, issue a Certificate of Registration through Form No. 2 as specified in the Schedule.

(4) Save for an exporter or importer, a person shall not be registered under these Regulations as trader unless such person trades at least thirty metric tons or gross annual turnover exceeding fifty million shillings.

De-registration
of trader

4.- The Authority may de-register a registered trader where-

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- (a) registered trader is dead;
- (b) registered company is wound up in accordance with the Companies Act;
- (c) registration was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation; or
- (d) the business licence or certificate of registration on the basis of which the registration was issued has been cancelled or terminated.

Import or
export permit

5.-(1)A trader who intends to import or export edible oil shall apply to the Authority for a permit through Form No. 3 as specified in the Schedule.

(2) An application for an import permit of edible oil shall be accompanied by the following:

- (a) copy of the registration certificate issued by the Authority;
- (b) copy of valid business licence issued by relevant authority;
- (c) copy of tax clearance certificate;
- (d) the amount of raw materials or edible oil acquired from domestic market;
- (e) proof of the quantity of edible oil purchased domestically;
- (f) proof of ownership of a refinery or manufacturing industry.

(g) phytosanitary or Plant Import Certificate issued by the exporting country; and

(h) any other information or document as may be required by the Authority.

(3) An application for an export permit of edible oil shall be accompanied by the following:

(a) copy of the registration certificate issued by the Authority;

(b) copy of a valid business licence issued by relevant authority;

(c) copy of cargo invoice or sales contract;

(d) proof of shipment made under a previous permit, where the applicant has previously been issued with an export permit;

(e) current Bank Statement of the Exporter (covering the last consignment exported);

(f) release Order(s) from the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) for previous permit(s), where applicable; and

(g) any other relevant information as may be required by the Authority.

Grant of import
or export permit

6.-(1) The Authority shall, upon fulfilment of the requirements under these Regulations, grant-

(a) an import permit where domestic demands of edible oil are higher than domestic supplies; or

(b) an export permit where it is satisfied that domestic demands of edible oil have been adequately met.

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), the Authority shall not issue an import or export permit unless prior approval of the Minister has been obtained.

(3) An import permit shall be issued through Form No. 4 as specified in the Schedule.

(4) An export permit shall be issued through Form No. 5 as specified in the Schedule.

Validity and
non-

7.-(1) An import or export permit shall be issued in respect of a single consignment.

transferability of permit	(2) An import or export permit shall be valid for a period granted by the Authority which shall, in any case, not exceed one year. (3) A permit issued under these Regulations shall not be transferable.
Conditions for import permit	8. An import permit issued under these Regulations shall specify following conditions: (a) quantity of edible oil to be imported; (b) the designated point of entry through which the edible shall be imported; (c) type of edible oil to be imported; (d) period of validity of the permit; and (e) country of origin of edible oil.
Conditions for export permit	9. An export permit issued under these Regulations shall specify the following conditions: (a) quantity of edible oil to be exported; (b) the designated point of exit through which the edible oil shall be exported; (c) type of edible oil to be exported; (d) period validity of the permit; and (e) country of destination of edible oil.
Cancellation of permit	10. The Authority may cancel a permit where- (a) an owner of a permit breaches permit's condition; (b) permit was obtained in a fraudulent manner; (c) the business licence or certificate of registration on the basis of which the registration was issued has been cancelled or terminated; or (d) there was misrepresentation at the time of granting the permit.
Purchase permit	11.-(1) A trader who intends to engage in purchase of edible oil shall apply for a permit to the Authority through Form No. 6 as specified in the Schedule. (2) An applicant for a purchase permit of edible oil shall be accompanied by the following:

- (a) copy of the registration certificate issued by the Authority;
- (b) copy of a valid business licence issued by relevant authority;
- (c) declaration of areas of purchase; and
- (d) any other relevant information as may be required by the Authority upon submission of application.

(3) The Authority may issue a purchase permit through Form No. 7 as specified in the Schedule.

Assessment of demand

12.-(1) The Authority shall, annually or where it deems necessary, conduct an assessment of domestic demand of edible oil.

(2) The assessment shall be the basis for the determination of the amount of edible oil to be imported or exported.

Sale of edible oil at prevailing price

13. A trader shall sell edible oil at a prevailing price as determined by the Authority from time to time, except where expressly authorized by law to apply different pricing for purposes of strategic reserves, subsidies, or emergency measures.

Registration of storage facilities

14.-(1) A person who intends to operate a storage facility of edible oil with a capacity of 5 metric tons shall apply to the Authority for registration of a storage facility through Form No. 8 as specified in the Schedule.

(2) The Authority may issue a registration certificate of storage facility through Form No. 9 as specified in the Schedule.

Storage facility operating permit

15.-(1) A person registered with the Authority shall apply for a permit to operate storage facility of edible oil through Form No. 9 as specified in the Schedule and any other information as the Authority may require.

(2) An application for a storage facility permit shall be accompanied by the following:

- (a) copy of the registration certificate issued by the Authority;

(b) copy of a valid business license issued by relevant authority; and

(c) any other relevant information as may be required by the Authority.

(3) The Authority may issue a registration certificate of storage facility through Form No. 10 as specified in the Schedule.

(4) A permit holder shall submit to the Authority statistical information on stock of edible oil after every entry or disposition of edible oil from a storage facility.

De-registration
of storage
facilities

16. The Authority may de-register a storage facility where-

(a) the storage facility fails to meet the storage capacity of 5 metric tons; or

(b) the licensee fails to submit statistical information on entry or disposition of edible oil.

Inspection of
edible oil

17.-(1) Inspectors appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Act shall inspect edible oil before or after importation or exportation.

(2) The Authority may, for purposes of effective inspection and verification, collaborate with other relevant authorities.

Determination,
grant or refuse
of application

18.-(1) The Authority shall, within seven 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 to the applicant, a 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.

(4) Subject to sub regulation (3), where the Authority finds that the application is defective, it may require the applicant to resubmit the application after rectifying the defect within fourteen days from the date of the decision.

Appeals

19. (1) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Authority under these Regulations may, within thirty 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 to the Authority.

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

(3) The Minister may require the appellant, the Authority or both, to submit further explanatory information in relation to the appeal.

(4) The Minister shall determine the appeal from the date of receipt of the Authority's explanatory information.

(5) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Minister, may seek redress from the High Court.

Offences and
Penalties

20. A person who contravenes the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five million or to imprisonment for a term of not less than one year but not exceeding three years or to both.

SCHEDULE

(Made under regulation 3)

FORM No. 1

THE CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (COPRA)
APPLICATION FOR TRADER OF EDIBLE OIL

PART A: PERSONAL PARTICULARS

1. Full name of applicant:

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

PART B: APPLICATION CATEGORY

Please specify by ticking the relevant category of dealership you seek registration for.

Purchaser	☐	Producer	☐	☐
Distributor				
Importer	☐	Exporter	☐	☐

Seller

PART C: PARTICULARS OF EDIBLE OIL

Specify the edible in respect of which you seek registration

Type of edible oil:

Quantity:

Grade:

DECLARATION

I,, hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the Applicant: Date:

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Application Received By: Date:

..... Remarks:

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Signature and Stamp:

FORM No. 2

THE CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (COPRA)
CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OF A TRADER
(Made under regulation 2)

This is to certify that, of has been duly registered with registration number as a trader in edible oil

This Certificate authorizes the holder to operate as a trader subject to compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, terms, and conditions governing such activity. The Certificate is non-transferable and shall remain valid unless suspended, cancelled, or revoked in accordance with the law.

Issued at Dodoma on this day of, 20....

Director General

Form No. 3

THE CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (COPRA)
APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO IMPORT OR EXPORT EDIBLE OIL
(Made under regulation 5)

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 Industry/ storage facility Plot No: Street:
..... Ward: District: Region:

PART A: DETAILS OF EDIBLE OIL

1. Type(s) / Category of edible oil:
2. Quantity (Kilograms / Tonnage):
3. Grade / Quality Standard (where applicable):
4. Country of Origin (for Import) / Destination (for Export):
5. Location / Station / Border Point of Entry or Exit:

PART B: REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT PERMIT

An applicant for an Export Permit shall attach the following—

- (a) COPRA Registration Number:
- (b) copy of a valid Business License from the relevant Authority;
- (c) copy of cargo invoice or sales of contract;
- (d) proof of shipment made under a previous permit, where the applicant
- (e) has previously been issued with an export permit;
- (f) current Bank Statement of the Exporter (covering the last consignment exported);
release Order(s) from the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) for previous permit(s), where applicable; and
- (g) any other information or document as may be required by the Authority.

PART C: REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORT PERMIT

An applicant for an Import Permit shall attach the following:-

- (a) Proof of the quantity of edible oil purchased domestically;
- (b) COPRA Registration Number:
- (c) copy of tax clearance certificate;
- (d) Copy of a valid Business Licence from the relevant Authority;
- (e) the amount of raw materials or edible oil acquired from domestic market;
- (f) proof of ownership of a refinery or manufacturing industry;
- (g) phytosanitary / Plant Import Certificate issued by the exporting country;
- f. Any other information or document as may be required by the Authority.

DECLARATION

I,, hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
Signature of the Applicant: Date:

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Application Received By: Date:
..... Permit Number: Remarks:
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Signature and Stamp:

Form No. 4

THE CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (COPRA)
IMPORT PERMIT OF EDIBLE OIL
(Made under regulation 6)

Permit Serial No.:

This permit is granted to, of trading as
..... authorising him to import edible oil in accordance with the terms
and conditions prescribed under the Food Security Act, Cap. 249

DETAILS OF EDIBLE OIL TO BE IMPORTED

No.	Description or type of edible oil	Quantity/Kg/Tons	Specification HS Code if applicable

Port / Airport / Border Point of Entry: Country
of Origin:

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Issued On: Expiry Date:

Name of Authorizing Officer: Signature:

..... Designation:

Official Seal:

Form No. 5

THE CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (COPRA)
EXPORT PERMIT FOR EDIBLE OIL
(Made under regulation 6)

Permit Serial No.:

This permit is granted to, of trading as
..... authorising him to export edible oil in accordance with the terms and
conditions prescribed under the Food Security Act, Cap. 249

DETAILS OF EDIBLE OIL TO BE EXPORTED

No.	Description or type of edible oil	Quantity/Kg/Tons	Specification HS Code if applicable

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Port / Airport / Border Point of Exit: Destination
Country: Warehouse Number /
Location where the commodity is stored:

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Issued On: Expiry Date:

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Name of Authorizing Officer: Signature:

..... Designation:

Official Seal:

Form No. 6

THE CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (COPRA)
APPLICATION FOR A PURCHASE PERMIT OF EDIBLE OIL
(Made under regulation 11)

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 Industry/ storage facility Plot No: Street:
..... Ward: District: Region:
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DETAILS OF EDIBLE OIL TO BE PURCHASED

1. Type(s) / Category of edible oil:
2. Quantity (Kilograms / Tonnage):
3. Grade / Quality Standard (where applicable):
4. Place of purchase:

DECLARATION

I,, hereby declare that the
information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the Applicant: Date:

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Application Received By: Date:

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Remarks:

Signature and Stamp:

Form No. 7

THE CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (COPRA)
PURCHASE PERMIT OF EDIBLE OIL
(Made under regulation 11)

Permit Serial No.:
This permit is granted to, of trading as
..... authorising him to purchase edible oil in accordance with the terms
and conditions prescribed under the Food Security Act, Cap. 249
The described edible oil have to be purchased within locality.
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Issued On: Expiry Date:
Name of Authorizing Officer: Signature:
..... Designation:
Official Seal:

Form No. 8

THE CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (COPRA)
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF AN EDIBLE OIL STORAGE FACILITY
(Made under regulation 14)

(To be completed in duplicate)

PART A: PARTICULARS OF THE APPLICANT

1. Full Name of Applicant / Company Name:
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2. Business Registration Number (if applicable):
3. Postal Address:
4. Physical Address:
Region: District:
Street/Village:
5. Telephone Number:
Email Address:
6. Nationality (for individuals) / Country of Incorporation (for companies):
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PART B: PARTICULARS OF THE STORAGE FACILITY

7. Name of Storage Facility (if any):
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8. Location of Storage Facility:
Region: District:
Ward/Village:
9. Type of Storage Facility (tick where applicable):
☐ Warehouse
☐ Cold Storage
☐ Open Yard
☐ Other (specify):
10. Ownership of Facility:
☐ Owned

☐ Leased

☐ Rented

11. Storage Capacity (in metric tonnes):

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PART C: EDIBLE OIL TO BE STORED

12. Type(s) of edible oil Intended to be Stored:

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13. Whether edible oil are for:

☐ Local distribution

☐ Import

☐ Export

PART D: COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY MEASURES

14. Availability of pest control measures:

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. Availability of hygiene and sanitation facilities:

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. Availability of fire safety equipment:

☐ Yes

☐ No

17. Compliance with food safety and quality standards:

☐ Yes

☐ No

PART E: DECLARATION

I,, hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I undertake to comply with the Food Security Act, its Regulations, and any conditions imposed by the Authority.

Name of Applicant / Authorized Officer:

Signature:.....

Date:

Official Stamp (if applicable)

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• Application Received on:

• Inspection Conducted on:

• Remarks:

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☐ Approved ☐ Rejected

Registration Number Issued:

Name of Authorized Officer:

Signature:

Date:

Form No. 9

THE CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (COPRA)
APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE A STORAGE FACILITY OF EDIBLE

OIL

(Made under regulation 15)

(To be filled in Duplicate)

PART A: PARTICULARS OF THE APPLICANT

1. Full Name of Applicant / Company Name:
2. Business Registration Number (if applicable):
3. Postal Address:
4. Physical Address:
Region: District:
Street/Village:
5. Telephone Number:
Email Address:
6. Nationality (for individuals) / Country of Incorporation (for companies):

PART B: PARTICULARS OF THE STORAGE FACILITY

7. Name of Storage Facility (if any):
8. Location of Storage Facility:
Region: District:
Ward/Village:
9. Type of Storage Facility (tick where applicable):
☐ Warehouse
☐ Cold Storage
☐ Open Yard
☐ Other (specify):
10. Ownership of Facility:
☐ Owned
☐ Leased
☐ Rented
11. Storage Capacity (in metric tonnes):

PART C: EDIBLE OIL TO BE STORED

12. Type(s) of edible oil Intended to be Stored:
13. Whether edible oil are for:
☐ Local distribution
☐ Import
☐ Export

PART D: COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY MEASURES

14. Availability of pest control measures:
☐ Yes
☐ No
15. Availability of hygiene and sanitation facilities:
☐ Yes
☐ No
16. Availability of fire safety equipment:
☐ Yes
☐ No
17. Compliance with food safety and quality standards:
☐ Yes
☐ No

PART E: DECLARATION

I,, hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I undertake to comply with the Food Security Act, its Regulations, and any conditions imposed by the Authority.

Name of Applicant / Authorized Officer:

Signature:.....

Date:

Official Stamp (if applicable)

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- Application Received on:

- Inspection Conducted on:

- Remarks:
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☐ Approved ☐ Rejected

Permit Number Issued:

Name of Authorized Officer:

Signature:

Date:

Form No. 10

CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
PERMIT TO OPERATE A STORAGE FACILITY OF EDIBLE OIL
(Made under regulation 15)

Permit Number:

Name of Storage Facility Owner:

Type of Warehouse:

Permit to operate a storage facility of edible oil in accordance with the Food Safety
Act, Cap. 249

Issued on:

Valid until:

Authorising Officer: Signature: Title:

Official Seal

QR CODE

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..... 2026

DANIEL GODFREY CHONGOLO
Minister for Agriculture