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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2005

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PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

- Citation                    **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Tanzania Communications (Importation and Distribution of Electronic Communications Equipment) Regulations, 2005.
- Application                **2.** These Regulations shall apply to importers and distributors of electronic communications equipments.
- Interpretations  
Act No. 18  
of 1993                      **3.** In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires.  
“Act” means the Tanzania Communications Act, 1993;
- Act No. 12  
of 2003                      “Authority” means “Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority established under the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Act, 2003;  
“electronic communication equipment” means telecommunication equipment, radio communication equipment or broad-casting apparatus;  
“supplier, importer and distributor” means any person or entity who imports and distributes electronic communication equipment;  
“sub-dealer” means an agent appointed by a licensed supplier, importer and distributor to serve as distribution or sales centre.

PART II

IMPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF EQUIPMENT

- Conditions for  
importation and  
distribution                **4.** (1) The supplier, importer and distributor of electronic communications equipment shall ensure that the equipments are type approved by the Authority.

(2) The supplier, importer and distributor of electronic communications equipment shall ensure that customers have frequency licences from the Authority before importing and distributing the equipment.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions in these Regulations, any person may import in the country any type approved terminal electronic communication equipment solely for personal use.

(4) Electronic communication equipment shall not be sold at a place other than shops approved by the Authority or distribution centres appointed by a licensed supplier, importer and distributor.

Prohibited equipment

**5.** Licensee shall not supply, import and distribute for use any equipment prohibited by the Authority.

Re-exportation of equipment

**6.-(1)** An supplier, importer and distributor who wishes to import and repackage equipment for re-exportation or transshipment shall apply for a permit from the Authority.

(2) Prior to the importation of any equipment under this regulation, the whole seller shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Authority full particulars of the respective equipment and the export business.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any whole seller to display, distribute or sell to a retailer in Tanzania, any equipment imported in accordance with the provision of sub-regulation (1).

List of equipment to be imported

**7.** The list of type approved electronic communications equipment to be imported and distributed in the country shall be provided by the Authority.

Penalty

**8.** Any person who commits an offence under these Regulations and where no specific penalty is provided, shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than the equivalent in Tanzanian shillings of United States dollars three hundred and the Authority may further suspend or cancel any licence held by the importer and distributor.

Capacity of the importer and distributor

**9.** The supplier, importer or distributor shall-

- (a) be capable of conducting the business;
- (b) have qualified and competent technical and supporting staff;
- (c) have a shop or distribution centre.

Permission to inspection

**10.** An authorised officer of the Authority shall at any reasonable time enter any premises on which supplier, importer or distributor is keeping the

imported electronic communications equipment for purposes of inspecting the equipment.

Withdrawal of  
Licence.

**11.** The Authority reserves the right to withdraw the importer and distributor's licence upon thirty days prior written notice if no standard importation and distribution practices are observed and evidenced.

Revocation of  
GN. No. 317 of  
2001

**12.** The importation and distribution of type approved Telecommunication and Radio communication Equipment Regulation, 2001 are hereby revoked.

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