



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE BILATERAL TRADE MEETING TO
ADDRESS ISSUES AFFECTING TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

3RD – 5TH JULY, 2018,

DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

1. Pursuant to the bilateral trade meeting between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Kenya held in Mombasa from 28th-31st January 2018, Senior officials from the two countries (Tanzania and Kenya) met in Dar es Salaam from 3rd – 5th July, 2018.
2. The meeting was co-chaired by Prof. Elisante Ole Gabriel, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment of the United Republic of Tanzania and Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Principal Secretary for Trade in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives of the Republic of Kenya.
3. In attendance were: Eng. Mathew Mtigumwe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania; Dr. Susan Koech, Principal Secretary, Ministry of EAC and Regional Development, Kenya; Amb. Ramadhan Mwinyi, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry Foreign Affairs, Tanzania; Amb. Boniface Muhia, Ag. Kenya High Commissioner in Tanzania; Amb. (Dr.) Pindi Chana, Tanzania High Commissioner in Kenya; Mr. Peter Biwott, Chief Executive Officer, Export Processing Zones, Kenya; and Col. (rtd) Joseph Simbakalia, Director General, Tanzania Export Processing Zones Authority.
4. The meeting reviewed progress made in implementing decisions agreed upon during the Mombasa meeting in January 2018, and underscored the importance of accelerating the implementation in order to facilitate trade and investment between the two countries.
5. The meeting recalled and appreciated that previous bilateral meetings have to date resolved several non-tariff barriers and reiterated on the need to generate lasting solutions. In this regard, the two Partner States called for effective and timely implementation of agreements made during bilateral meetings with a view to ease the flow of goods and services.

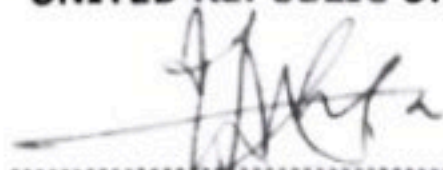
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6. Overall, the Senior Officials Meeting Agreed as follows: -
- 6.1 Immediate implementation of the recommendations of the verification report on the SPS measures conducted in Kenya by Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA) and Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) on 8th – 14th March, 2018;
 - 6.2 Lack of preferential treatment for Kenyan textile products resolved;
 - 6.3 To implement recommendations of the verification reports on cement, confectionery products, edible oils and lubricants manufactured by Kenyan companies;
 - 6.4 The EAC Secretariat to come up with a Regional Policy and Regulatory Framework to address challenges facing the retail sector;
 - 6.5 Chiefs of Immigration Services from the two countries to convene a meeting to resolve immigration issues between the two Partner States;
 - 6.6 TRA and KRA to meet to resolve Challenges on Electronic Cargo Tracking System for Tanzania Cargo trucks as soon as possible; and
 - 6.7 Senior Officials to conduct a joint familiarization visit to the border points of (Namanga, Isebania, LungaLunga) to be undertaken soon to monitor flow of trade at the borders.
7. The details of the deliberations are as contained in the matrix of the signed Agreed Minutes.
8. It was agreed that the next bilateral trade meeting will be held in October 2018 in the Republic of Kenya.

Done at Dar es Salaam, on this the 5th day of July, 2018

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
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