



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
Land Transport Regulatory Authority



REGIONAL TRAINING ON INSPECTION AND MONITORING FRAMEWORK FOR USED VEHICLES IMPORTED IN EAC SUB REGION

PROCESSES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLES IMPORTATION AND INSPECTION IN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



INTRODUCTION

- Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) is the national standards body for Tanzania established by the government as part of the efforts to strengthen the supportive infrastructure for industry and commerce sectors across the economy within the country. The Bureau was established by Parliamentary Act No. 3 of 1975 as the National Standards Institute and became operational on 16th April 1976. Subsequently, it was renamed Tanzania Bureau of Standards under Act No. 1 of 1977. On 20th March 2009, the Standards Act No. 3 of 1975 was repealed and replaced by the Standards Act No. 2 of 2009.



Legal and Regulatory framework

- Standards Act, 2009 and its associated regulations (Import control regulations)
- Environmental Management Act, 2004 and its associated regulations
- Land Transport Regulatory Act, 2019
- Finance Act, 2019



Standards Act, 2009

- According to Reg. 27 of Standards (Imports Registration and Batch Certification) regulation GN 681 of 2021, of TBS, A person shall not in any manner import, unload, sell, distribute or supply commodities or products not in conformity with the standards recognized by the Bureau.
- Subject to sub regulation the commodities or products which do not conform to the standards recognized by the Bureau, shall be re-exported to its country of origin or export, disposed off within the Tanzania Mainland.



EMA Act, 2004

- The objective of the Act is to provide for and promote the enhancement, protection, conservation and management of the environment. The Act Establish the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC)
- The object and purpose for which the Council is established is to undertake enforcement, compliance, review and monitoring of environmental impact assessment and in that regard shall facilitate public participation in environmental decision making, exercise general supervision and coordination over all matters relating to the environment
- The Council is mandated to enforce and ensure compliance of the national environmental quality standards;



LATRA Act, 2019

- Section 5 (1)(f) to certify worthness of rolling stock and road worthness of public service vehicles and goods vehicles



IMPORT PROCESS OVER VIEW

- Tanzania Bureau of Standards' Import Process Overview for used motor vehicles conformity assessment is conducted under two Inspection schemes.
 - Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity Scheme (PVoC)
 - Destination Inspection Scheme (DI)



- **PVoC Scheme** – This scheme deals with overseeing (monitoring, controlling, inspection and supervising) quality of goods/products (Including used vehicle) from country of export before being imported to Tanzania.
- Currently PVoC process for Imported used motor vehicles is conducted in only one country (Japan) where clients are provided with Certificates of roadworthiness for units that have found to comply with the requirements of Tanzanian Standard (TZS 698: 2012 Road vehicles – Code of practice for inspection and testing of used motor vehicles for road worthiness



TBS IMPORT PROCESS FLOW ...

- Verification of provided Certificates and their respective Motor Vehicles is conducted at entry points after arrival.
- TBS regulate Motor Vehicle Inspection for those which are above 3 years from the date of manufacture and exempts New vehicles including new Buses.



TBS Import process ...

DI scheme - is focused on the conformity assessment of imported goods (Including used vehicles) after arrival in the country. This applies to all goods that are imported without a Certificate of Conformity (CoC).

- ❑ Currently DI for used motor vehicles is conducted at all official entry points. However, the Bureau has two large strategic centers namely UDA and Ro-Ro yard for inspecting all used motor vehicles imported through Dar es Salaam Port.



TBS Import process

- For both schemes (PVoC and DI), the used motor vehicles consignments undergo internal procedures for documentation and inspection before being released from the point of entries.
- Conformed used motor vehicles are granted with Certificates of Roadworthiness while failed used motor vehicles are either released conditionally or Re-exported/Destructed in line with the applicable laws, regulations and procedures.

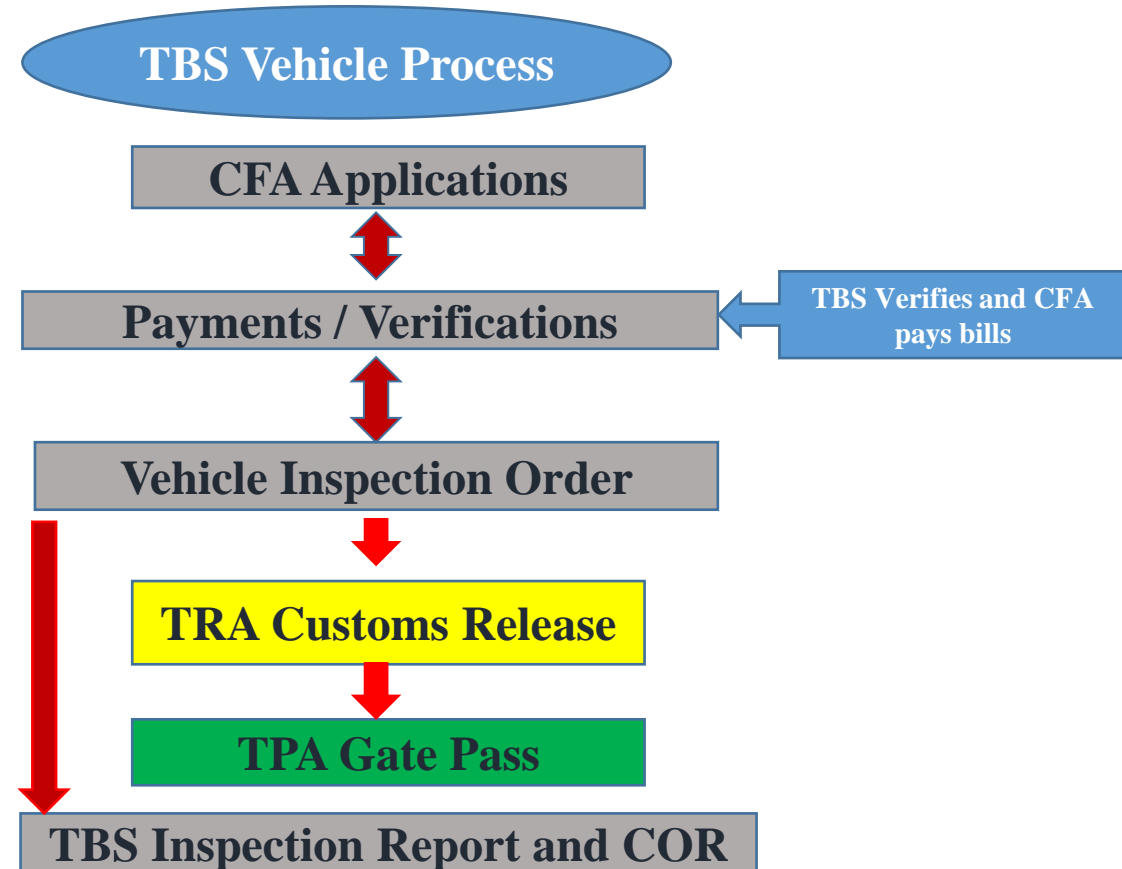


TBS Import Internal Process

TBS Import Process Overview

1. Documents required

- Shipping Documents i.e.,
 - Bill of lading, Invoice,
 - Parking list,
- Customs assessment documents
- Quality documents i.e.,
 - Certificate of Roadworthiness,
 - Inspection reports e.t.c.

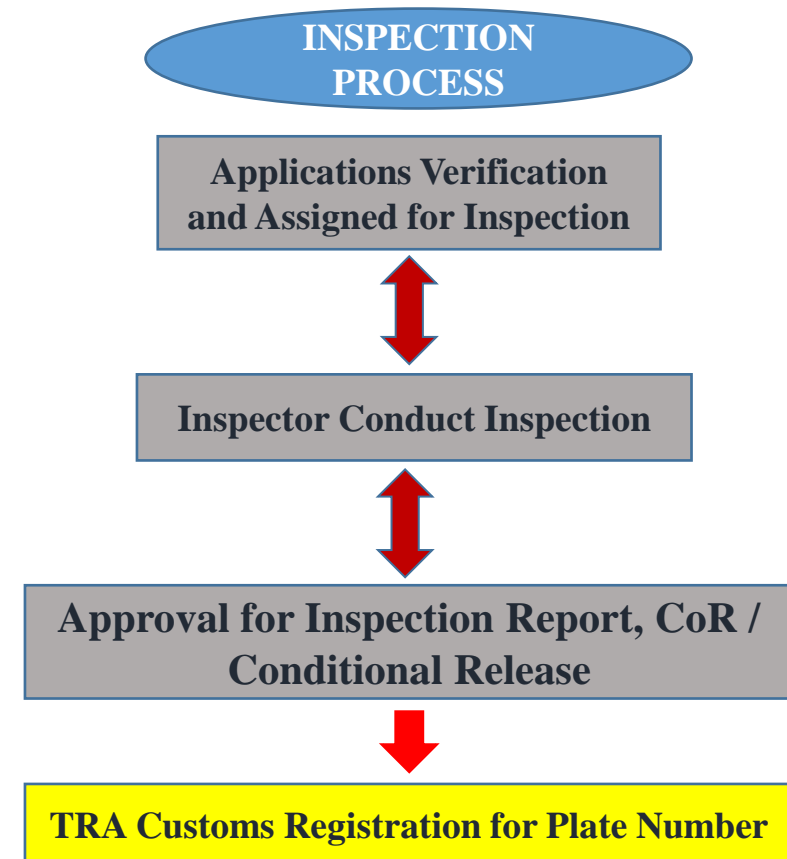




TBS Import process...

2. Import Inspection Process at the Centre

- All documentation and processes are carried out via Online Application System
- Inspection of Used motor vehicle is Conducted according to compulsory Tanzania Standard **TZS 698:2012 (Road vehicles – Code of practice for inspection and testing of used motor vehicles for road worthiness)**
- All systems of the vehicle parts are inspected such as electrical system, engine, radiation, exhaust, cooling, emission e.t.c





TBS Import Inspection process...

- The center has capacity to inspect 760 motor vehicles per day with respect to 8 lanes located at TPA Ro-Ro yard
- Inspection involves Physical Verification and Machinery investigation
- Our Inspection process has been improved and shorten to facilitate Port operations whereas
 - No time delay and reduce demurrage charges to customers





Mandatory vehicle inspection (Requirements)

- It shall be a mandatory requirement for the operator of the public service vehicle and goods vehicles to let the vehicle be inspected at least for commercial vehicles, after every six months;
- The operator shall cause the vehicle to be presented for inspection to the designated inspection centre, as the case may be.



Inspection centre

(1) The Authority shall, for purposes of these Regulations, establish, approve or designate vehicle inspection centers as he may deem necessary.

(2) the inspection centers may be owned by:

- (a) the Government;
- (a) parastatal organization;
- (a) private organization;
- (a) joint venture – Public Private Partnership.



Inspection stages

A vehicle inspection shall be performed in the following stages:

- (a) the vehicle needs to be identified to ensure the correct vehicle is inspected against the registration card submitted;
- (a) A pre-inspection of the interior and exterior of the vehicle;
- (a) testing with equipment.



Types of vehicle inspection

There shall be three types of vehicle inspection-

- (a) category A, Ordinary Inspection made on statutory basis bi-annually;
- (a) category B, inspection initiated by operator request; and
- (a) category C, inspection initiated by a court order or any other competent Authority;



Vehicle emission test

- (1) A motor vehicle shall be in a state such that it complies with approved emission standards relevant to the class of the vehicle and the vehicle's fuel type.
- (2) The vehicle emission inspection shall be performed in conjunction with the safety inspection.
- (3) Vehicles presented for emission inspection shall be subjected to testing for fuel engine.



Visible smoke

- In order to operate on a road, a vehicle shall not emit clearly visible smoke when the vehicle's engine is running at its normal operating temperature continuously.



Challenges

- Lack of awareness among operators on importance of proper maintenance and inspection
- Technological/ equipment to perform inspection;
- Increase of counterfeit spare parts



Way Forward

- Proving awareness to bus operators but due to challenges of equipment for testing we stopped
- Feasibility for mandatory vehicle inspection in Mainland Tanzania
- Draft preparation for mandatory vehicle inspection Regulation
- The Authority has acquired land in Arusha, Kibaha, Mbeya, Mwanza and Dodoma



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