Dar es Salaam, 21st October, 2020

Pursuant to Regulation 29 of the Electronic Tax Stamps Regulations, 2018 (henceforth, “the Regulations”), Tanzania Revenue Authority (“TRA” or “the Authority”) do hereby inform all the licensed and registered manufacturers, importers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers of excisable goods, and the general public, that the 1st day of November 2020 shall be the effective date for commencement of the usage of the Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS) System for fruit juices (including grape must), vegetable juices (under Heading 20.09), bottled drinking water (under Heading 22.01), and music and film products (recorded Tapes/CDs/VCDs/DVDs).

This follows the completion and application of the referred System, in Phase I and Phase II to such products that included cigarettes, wines, spirits, beer, and all kinds of alcoholic beverages on 15th January 2019 and followed by sweetened flavored water and other non-alcoholic beverages, like energy and malt drinks and soda, on 1st August 2019, respectively.

Against the above background, and cognizant to the spirit of the need to effectively implement the mandate bestowed upon the Authority, as provided for in Section 5(1)(a) of Tanzania Revenue Authority Act, CAP. 399 R.E 2019, all respective stakeholders and the general public are hereby required to take note of the specified products as mentioned above, whether manufactured in or imported into the United Republic from 1st November 2020, that they must be affixed with ETS in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Regulations.

Please note that since the above mentioned products were not affixed with tax stamps prior to the introduction of ETS, THEREFORE, such products, which are still at the manufacturers’ or importers’ warehouses and at the markets are, in terms of Regulation 44(3) of the Regulations, given a privilege of a grace period of up to three (3) months, to wit, from 1st November 2020 up until or before 31st January 2021, to either be traded or phased out.

In addition, every manufacturer or importer of the referred products in the current phase shall be required to declare all quantities of products with no ETS in their possession (unsold) in the prescribed form, which is available at all TRA Regional Offices and is downloadable as well at www.tra.go.tz, before the effective date.

The Authority undertakes to remind and direct all traders and other concerned stakeholders or parties to submit full details of their brands, forecasts of quantities of ETS they intend to use before the effective date and make registration in the Electronic Tax Stamp Management System (ETSMS) to enable their ordering of the new tax stamps through the web portal (https://taxstamp.tra.go.tz/) available in the website of TRA (www.tra.go.tz).

For more information and support, kindly feel free to visit any nearest TRA Office countrywide, our website, or use TRA Call Centre, through Toll Free mobile numbers 0800 750 075 or 0800 780 078, WhatsApp number 0744 233 333 or email: services@tra.go.tz.

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