



AGREEMENT ON TRADE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE UNITED  
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania  
and

The Government of the Republic of Rwanda,

DESIROUS of strengthening further the bonds of friendship and good neighbourliness between the two countries and of promoting the well-being of their peoples, particularly the peoples living on both sides of their common border,

DESIROUS of developing their commercial relations and co-operation between their respective Customs Administration at the same time,

HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE 1.

The Contracting Parties shall make concerted efforts in the framework of the provisions of the present Agreement with a view to facilitating and encouraging border and trade exchange between their two territories, and with a view to preventing, investigating and curbing violation of their respective customs legislations.

PROMOTION OF COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE

ARTICLE 2.

For the purpose of the present Agreement, it is understood that:

a) "Goods in transit" means the goods, including unaccompanied baggage imported from a foreign place through the territory of one or more of the Partner States of the East African Community to the Republic of Rwanda and goods exported from the Republic of Rwanda through the territory of one or more of the Partner States of East African Community to a foreign destination. The transshipment were housing, breeding of bulk or the change of mode of transport of goods as well as the assembling, dismantling and re-assembling of voluminous articles shall not alter the nature of goods in transit, any





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exercise of this nature of goods in transit, on condition that any exercise of this nature shall be effected only to facilitate transportation provided the goods shall all the time be under customs control.

b) "Customs Laws" means all the statutory or regulatory provisions applicable by the Customs Administration on the importation or transit of goods whether involving the collection of duties or taxes (or security therefore) or the enforcement of prohibitions, restrictions or controls or of exchange control regulations.

c) "Customs Administration" means, in respect of Rwanda, the Customs Administration of Rwanda, and in respect of Tanzania, the East African Customs and Excise Department.

ARTICLE 3.

The two Parties will do their best to encourage border trade and in this respect will take measure, within the limits of regulations applicable in each country to simplify the procedures of issuing export/import licences.

ARTICLE 4.

Goods that are imported or exported shall be declared at customs posts and shall be subject to payment of import and export duties as laid down in the customs tariffs of each Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 5.

The mode of payment in relation to exchanges effected under the present Agreement shall be subject to an arrangement reached between the Bank of Tanzania and the National Bank of Rwanda.

ARTICLE 6.

Each Contracting Party shall accord most-favoured-nation treatment with respect to importation and exemption from duties and charges, for samples of goods and advertisement material and also articles destined for tests and experiments of tools, materials and containers for this purpose in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the territory of each Contracting Party.

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ARTICLE 7.

The Contracting Parties will do their best, in all ways possible to promote trade in goods manufactured in their respective countries.

ARTICLE 8.

1. A joint Commission composed of representatives of the Contracting Parties shall meet at least once a year with a view to promoting trade exchange industrialization of the countries and co-operation between their customs administrations.
2. The Commission shall examine problems that may arise with regard to the interpretation or the implementation of the present agreement.

ARTICLE 9.

The present Agreement shall be in force for three years and shall be renewable automatically unless one Party has given six months notice of termination. Each of the Contracting Parties may denounce it at any moment. The denunciation by one of the Parties shall take effect at the end of a period of one year from the date on which notice is served on the other Party.

ARTICLE 10.

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the day on which Instruments of Ratification shall be exchanged.

Made at Rusumo on the 15th day of February, 1973, four copies; two in French and two in English, both being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
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