



STATEMENT BY THE FEDERATION OF EAST AFRICAN FREIGHT FORWARDERS ASSOCIATIONS (FEAFFA) ON THE PROHIBITION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES BY NON-CITIZENS IN TANZANIA

Nairobi, July 31, 2025: The Federation of East African Freight Forwarders Associations (FEAFFA) has learnt of the ban on foreigners from running certain businesses including clearing and forwarding services in Tanzania as published under Government Notice No. 487A of 28th July 2025.

Whereas FEAFFA has been working to ensure there are interventions instituted to secure its members (especially the small and medium size companies) from unfair competition and business practices in the international supply chain, the Federation is alive to the fact that East Africa is a Single Customs Territory and a common market in line with the EAC Common Market Protocol implementation of which has enabled citizens of East Africa including customs agents to operate across the region seamlessly for the last one decade. Any regulations whose net effect has the potential of negating this progress is rather unfortunate and will affect the smooth movement of cargo between EAC Partner States thereby increasing the cost of logistics in the region. We call upon the government of Tanzania to reconsider its position in the interest of regional integration and to safeguard the much-envied progress that East Africa has made since the community was revamped.

The Federation is engaging her two member national associations in Tanzania (Tanzania Freight Forwarders Association - TAFFA and Zanzibar Freight Forwarders Bureau – ZFB) for detailed updates on the scope and implementation of the development to inform our next course of action.

In the meantime, we urge all stakeholders to remain calm and allow the necessary consultations to proceed. FEAFFA will continue to engage constructively and keep you updated.

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About FEAFFA

The Federation of East African Freight Forwarders Associations (FEAFFA) is a regional private sector apex body of the Customs Clearing and Freight Forwarding industry in East Africa representing over 2500 clearing firms. The Federation aims at promoting a professional freight logistics industry for trade facilitation and regional economic growth. FEAFFA strives to address the challenges experienced by its members at Association, firm and individual levels through provision of training and other aspects of capacity building. The Federation advocates for the removal of barriers that impede the full implementation of the East African Community (EAC) Customs Union.