

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE



**TANZANIA PLANT HEALTH AND PESTICIDES
AUTHORITY (TPHPA)**



NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC

LIFTING OF IMPORT BAN ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Tanzania has enjoyed a cordial trade relationship with South Africa in various agricultural produces. The regional and international trade is guided by the guidelines given by the Intra-African Phytosanitary Council (IAPSC) and International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), of which both two countries have ratified. The two guidelines require that National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) regulate the importation and exportation of agricultural produce, particularly with respect to phytosanitary integrity of consignments of plants and plant products.

Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA) is the national plant protection organization of Tanzania. Mandated by Plant Health Act No. 4 of 2020 (Cap. 133) and tooled with Plant Health Regulations of 2023 (with amendments of 2024), the Authority is responsible with preventing the introduction, establishment and spread of quarantine and regulated quarantine pests to Tanzania.

Considering the recent reach out of the South African government to the government of the United Republic of Tanzania to initiate and engage on diplomatic dialogue in order to resolve the problem, Tanzania is lifting the import ban of agricultural produces from South Africa.

Tanzania is acknowledging the efforts of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of South Africa for reaching out the Tanzania Government in settling this problem hoping that it can be solved using diplomatic channels. It is in this regard therefore, that Tanzania is lifting the ban effective from 25th April, 2025 until further notice paving the way for the diplomatic dialogue.

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