

# THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE



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



#### NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC

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 for preventing the introduction, establishment and spread of quarantine and regulated quarantine pests to Tanzania.

Recently Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA), has undertaken a comprehensive review of the national phytosanitary policies and Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) which are currently being undertaken in line with the Plant Health Act No. 4 of 2020, its Plant Health Regulations (2023) and the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 2. The ongoing assessment has revealed the presence of several high risk quarantine pests in South Africa, including the recently declared *Clavibacter nebraskensis* (Goss's bacterial wilt and leaf blight) in maize which poses a significant threat to Tanzanian food security. Following this observation, Tanzania has instituted a ban on all importation of agricultural commodities from the Republic of South Africa into Tanzania.

The ban specifically targets the importation of fresh fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, ornamental plants, raw grains, legumes, trees, wood and wood packaging materials, soil or artificial growing media associated with plants for planting. This measure will remain in force until such time when TPHPA has comprehensively completed the risk assessment and new phytosanitary measures have been prescribed to mitigate the risk.

It is in this regard therefore, that Tanzania is hereby imposing a ban for agricultural produces from South Africa, including those on transit to other countries via Tanzania, effective from 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 till further notice.

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