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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



**NO. 12 OF 2024**

I ASSENT

SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN  
*President*

[2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024]

**An Act to amend certain written laws.**

**ENACTED** by the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania.

**PART I  
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2024.

Amendment  
of certain  
written laws

2. The written laws specified in various Parts of this Act are amended in the manner specified in their respective Parts.

**PART II  
AMENDMENT OF THE DEEP SEA FISHERIES MANAGEMENT  
AND DEVELOPMENT ACT,  
(CAP. 388)**

Construction  
Cap. 388

3. This Part shall be read as one with the Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Amendment  
of section 11

4. The principal Act is amended in section 11 by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following:

“(3) The members referred to in paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (f) of subsection

(1) shall be appointed by the Minister in consultation with the Minister responsible for fisheries in Tanzania Zanzibar.

(4) The tenure of office for members referred to in subsection (1) shall be three years but shall be eligible for reappointment for another term.”

Amendment of section 16

5. The principal Act is amended in section 16 (1) by deleting paragraph (n) and substituting for it the following:

“(n) appoint in writing-

(i) such persons from amongst officers of the Authority to be licensing officers, fisheries inspectors, or authorised officers; and

(ii) such persons from amongst officers of the Authority or other qualified and accredited individuals, to be fisheries observers;

who shall carry out duties as prescribed in the regulations.”

Amendment of section 35

6. The principal Act is amended in section 35 by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following:

“(3) A person who contravenes the provision of subsection (1) commits an offence and on conviction, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding the maximum amount set out in the Second Schedule to this Act, and in addition, all fish or fish products shall be seized by the court.”

Amendment of Second Schedule

7. The principal Act is amended in the Second Schedule by adding immediately after the twelfth row that contains reference to section 34(5) the following row:

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35(3)	operator of a fishing vessel, engaged in any fishing activities without a valid and applicable licence, authorisation or other permission	1 million
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PART III  
AMENDMENT OF THE MINING ACT,  
(CAP. 123)

Construction  
Cap. 123

**8.** This Part shall be read as one with the Mining Act, hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”.

Amendment  
of section 4

**9.** The principal Act is amended in section 4, by-

- (a) deleting the word “lime” appearing in the definition of the term “industrial minerals” and substituting for it the word “limestone”;
- (b) deleting the words “mineral right holder” appearing in the definition of the term “integrity pledge” and substituting for them the words “mineral rights holders, licenced dealers and licenced brokers”;
- (c) inserting the word “geothermal” between the words “uranium” and “thorium” appearing in the definition of the term “energy minerals”;
- (d) adding in their appropriate alphabetical order the following new definitions:  
““geothermal resources” means mineral resources that contain thermal energy;  
“mineral auction” includes mineral auction by tender;”;
- (e) deleting the definition of the terms “gross value” and “mineral processing” and substituting for them the following:

“gross value” means the market value of minerals as determined at the point of sale or, in the case of consumption within Tanzania, at the point of delivery within Tanzania through valuation pursuant to section 126 of this Act:

Provided that-

- (a) for the purposes of calculating the amount of royalties payable, the Government shall be entitled to reject the valuation if such value

is steeply low on account of deep negative volatility, unless the raw minerals are disposed of for beneficiation within the United Republic; and

““mineral processing” means the practice of beneficiating or liberating valuable minerals from their ores which may combine a number of unit operations including crushing, grinding, sizing, screening, classification, washing, froth floatation, gravity concentration, electrostatic separation, magnetic separation, leaching, smelting, refining, calcining and gasification or any other processes incidental thereto;”

- (f) deleting the words “is between US\$100,000 and” appearing in the definition of the term “mining licence” and substituting for them the words “is above US\$ 5,000,000 up to”; and
- (g) deleting the word “milling” appearing in the definition of the term “processing area” and substituting for it the word “comminution”.

Addition of section 5B

**10.** The principal Act is amended by adding immediately after section 5A the following:

“Critical and strategic minerals

**5B.**-(1) The Minister may, on recommendation of the Geological Survey of Tanzania and by order published in the *Gazette*, and upon approval by the Cabinet, declare certain minerals to be critical or strategic.

(2) The order made under this section shall prescribe conditions applicable to the critical

or strategic minerals, and any contravention of such conditions shall be an offence.

(3) For the purpose of this section-

- (a) a mineral shall be considered to be “critical” where it becomes essential to the national economic, geopolitical consideration, technology, industrial use, and its supply is limited or threatened; and
- (b) “strategic minerals” means minerals declared to be strategic minerals under this section.”.

Amendment  
of section 8

**11.** The principal Act is amended in section 8(1) by adding immediately after paragraph (b) the following:

“(c) an individual or a company that fails to pay an application fee within twenty eight days from the date of notification of payment of such fee, and in which case such application shall be deemed as withdrawn.”.

Amendment  
of section  
27F

**12.** The principal Act is amended in section 27F, by-  
(a) adding immediately after subsection (4) the following:

“(5) The provisions of section 63 shall apply to the mineral rights holder who fails to submit mineral data under subsection (3).

(6) A mineral right holder who submits false or misleading information commits an offence and on conviction shall be liable-

- (a) in case of an individual, to a fine of not less than five million

shillings but not exceeding ten million shillings or to imprisonment for a term of not less than twelve months but not more than three years or both; or

(b) in case of a body corporate, to a fine of not less than two hundred million shillings but not exceeding five hundred million shillings.”;

(b) renumbering subsections (5), (6), and (7) as subsections (7), (8) and (9) respectively.

(c) deleting the words “the written authorisation of” appearing in subsection (8) as renumbered and substituting for them the words “verification of results from.”.

Addition of section 27I

13. The principal Act is amended by adding immediately after section 27H the following:

“Mineral Laboratory

27I.-(1)

There is established a mineral laboratory within the Mining Commission known as the Mining Commission Mineral Laboratory which shall be under the control and authority of the Commission.

(2) The mineral laboratory shall be used for analysing minerals and mineral products or samples in respect of-

(a) import or export of minerals, mineral products or samples;

(b) minerals or mineral products in storage or in transit within the United Republic;

(c) minerals which are covered by a mineral trading permit; and

(d) minerals or mineral products at mines or



mineral processing  
plants.

Amendment  
of section 66

- 14.** The principal Act is amended in section 66, by-
- (a) adding the words “inspection fee” after the word “rent” appearing in subsection (1); and
  - (b) adding the words “inspection fee” after the word “rent” appearing in subsection (3).

Amendment  
of section 73

- 15.** The principal Act is amended in section 73-
- (a) in subsection (4), by adding immediately after paragraph (g) the following:  
“(h) tanzanite.”; and
  - (b) by adding immediately after subsection (4) the following:  
“(5) In this Part-
    - (a) “metallic minerals” includes all metallic minerals other than gold; and
    - (b) “coloured gemstone” includes all coloured gemstones other than diamond and tanzanite.”.

Amendment  
of section  
86A

- 16.** The principal Act is amended in section 86A, by-
- (a) adding immediately after subsection (3) the following:  
“(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), where the importer produces authentic documents proving importation of minerals from outside the United Republic and that he has paid royalty in the country of origin, he shall not pay royalty upon disposal of such minerals.

(5) A person who makes any statement which is false or misleading with the intention of obtaining benefit under subsection (4), commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five million shillings but not exceeding fifty million shillings or three times the value of the imported mineral, whichever is greater, or to imprisonment for a term of not less than

one year but not exceeding two years or to both.”; and

(b) renumbering subsection (4) as subsection (6).

Amendment  
of section 87

**17.** The principal Act is amended in section 87(1)-  
(a) in subsection (1), by-

(i) adding immediately after paragraph (b) the following:

“(c) in the case of gemstone for export disposed of at the mineral auction or international gem fair, premium of fifteen *per centum*”; and

(ii) renaming paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) as paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) respectively; and

(b) deleting subsection (6).

Amendment  
of section 88

**18.** The principal Act is amended in section 88(4) by deleting the phrase “has the meaning attributed to those words in subsection (6) of section 87 and that provision”.

Amendment  
of section  
90A

**19.** The principal Act is amended in section 90A(5) by adding immediately after the word “producers”, the words “and minerals disposed of during government organised mineral auction or international gem fair.”.

Amendment  
of section  
100C

**20.** The principal Act is amended in section 100C by adding immediately after subsection (7) the following-

“(8) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 100B(2) and subsections (3) and (4) of this section, gemstones disposed of during the government organised mineral auction or international gem fair may be exported.”

Amendment  
of section  
100D

**21.** The principal Act is amended in section 100D(3) by deleting the words “shall not” and substituting for them the word “may”.

Amendment  
of section  
106

**22.** The principal Act is amended in section 106(1) by inserting the words “licensed dealer or licensed broker” between the words “holder” and “who undertakes”.

**PART IV**  
**AMENDMENT OF THE TANZANIA FISHERIES RESEARCH**  
**INSTITUTE ACT,**  
**(CAP. 280)**

Construction  
Cap. 280

**23.** This Part shall be read as one with the Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Amendment  
of section 21

**24.** The principal Act is amended in section 21 by adding immediately after paragraph (b) the following closing phrase:

“that failure shall be construed as the termination of research and the Institute shall recommend to the Commission for Science and Technology for termination of the research clearance.”

Repeal of  
section 24

**25.** The principal Act is amended by repealing section 24.

Passed by the National Assembly on the 02<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

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