

# United Republic of Tanzania

## Overview of Ship Sanitation Inspection and Issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificates

### Overview of Port Health Services

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## Background

- The United Republic of Tanzania comprise of Tanzania Mainland and Tanzania Zanzibar
- Located along Indian Ocean
- Total Population of 62 Million people (Census 2022)
- A total of 23 designated Ports – 18 Tanzania Mainland and 5 in Zanzibar
- Tanzania Ports serves several countries in the region



# Background

## Port Health Services

- Movements of people, goods and vessels between states poses risk of spread of diseases and other public health risks
- A set of interventions are thus implemented at points of entry to limit entry and eventually the spread of diseases and other public health risks

## Main objective of Port Health Services

- To prevent and control cross border movement of diseases, vectors, vermin and other Public Health events related to International travel and transportation

## Specifically

- To prevention entry and exit of diseases
- Provide early warning-Alert notification
- Response activities



# Inspection of Ships and Issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificates

Tanzania as signatory to International Health Regulations (IHR, 2005) works to build core capacities for prevention and control of public health risks at Points of Entry (PoEs) including:-

- Deployment of Human resources over 500 staff have been employed to work permanently at the **59 PoEs including 23 Marine Ports**
- Supply of walkthrough thermo-scanners for health screening of travelers
- Supply of transport means including standby ambulance and motorcycles
- Installation of isolation units
- Supply of inspection tools

# Inspection of Ships and Issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificates...

- In 2025, the Government of United Republic of Tanzania through Ministries of Health designated Ports for inspection of Ship and Issuance of Sanitation Certificates
- In collaboration with the World Health Organization, the Ministry of Health (Mainland and Zanzibar) organized a comprehensive training on Ship sanitation Inspection and issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificates
- The first phase involved online training; the second phase - physical in country training which provided theoretical and field practical; and the third phase - Physical training by International facilitated organized by WHO





# Ship sanitation Inspection and Issuance of Sanitation certificates...

The training involved 45 port health staff from ports of Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Mwanza, Mtwara and Kigoma (Mainland) and Malindi, Wete, Weshia and Mkokotoni (Zanzibar)

The named ports are equipped with tools and supplies to enable the trained staff to conduct Ship sanitation inspection and issue or extend sanitation certificates

On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, WHO approved the list of ports to conduct Ship sanitation inspection and issue extension, exemption and control sanitation certificates as seen in the WHO page

<https://extranet.who.int/ihr/poedata/public/en>

# Best Practices

- Tanzania has prepared **Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs)** for Ship Sanitation Inspection and Issuance of Sanitation Certificates to guide procedures
- Eight (8) ports from Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar are listed for issuance of Ship Sanitation Control and sixteen (16) ports are listed to issue Extension certificates
- All Ports conduct inspections for both domestic and International ships
- Dar es Salaam Port has inspected 2 Ships and issued Ship Sanitation certificates



# Model Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate/Ship Sanitation Control Certificate



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Port ..... Date.....

THIS CERTIFICATE record the inspection and 1) exemption from control or 2) control measure applied.

Name of ship or inland navigation vessel..... Flag..... Registration/IMO No .....

At the time of inspection / sanitary control the hold was unlade / lade with..... tonnes of.....cargo.

Name and address of inspecting officer.....

Chemical used .....ratio.....

Exposer time.....

SHIP SANITATION CONTROL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE					SANITATION CONTROL CERTIFICATE			
AREA	SYSTEM	EVIDENCE FOUND.	SAMPLE RESULT	DOCUMENT REVIEWED	CONTROL MEASURE APPLIED	RE INSPECTION DATE	COMENT	REGARDED
SERVICES NISPECTED							CONDITON	FOUND
Galley								
Pantry								
Holds cargo								
Quarter	Crew							
	Holds							
	Passengers							
	Deck							
Portable water								
Sewage								
Ballast tank								
Standing water								
Engine room								
Ship Medical chest								
Other areas								

## Best Practices...

- Conduct meeting with Marine stakeholders to disseminate information on the procedures of Ship Sanitation Inspection and Issuance of sanitation certificates is ongoing
- Launched online training for other 136 Port health staff through WHO Online course on Ship Sanitation
- A total of 60 staff have been trained on vector and vermin surveillance and control at PoEs



Vector Control Training to Port Health Staff



Vector Control Training Participants of Practical session

# Challenges and Plans

## Challenges

- Other staff are yet to complete physical training of Ship inspection
- The to upgrade Port Health landing website/landing page to upload information on Ship Sanitation Services

## Plans

- Officially launch Ship Inspection Services in the country
- Mobilize resources to conduct training of more staff on Ship Sanitation inspection
- Upgrading of Port Health website for sharing of information
- Equip ports with equipment and supplies to inspect and monitor ships and porous ports

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