

PUBLIC NOTICE ON THE STANDARD FORM (CONSUMER CONTRACTS) REGULATIONS 2014

The Fair Competition Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), acting pursuant to provisions of the Fair Competition Act ,No. 8 of 2003 (FCA), hereby notifies service providers, the business community and the general public (stakeholders) that the Standard Form (Consumer Contracts) Regulations, 2014 have been published on 29/08/2014 under the Government Notice No.305.

The Commission further notifies the said stakeholders, that the commencement for the application of such Regulations shall come into force six (6) months following the first publication of this notice in widely circulating newspapers.

Stakeholders are further notified, that following the coming into force of the above mentioned Regulations read together with section 36 of the FCA, all standard form consumer contracts shall be registered with the Commission before their implementation. Stakeholders are further notified that for standard form contracts that are currently in operation or use must be submitted to the Commission for review.

The Commission notifies further that, any person who fails to submit a standard form contract for review and/or registrations shall be penalized in accordance with the applicable laws.

The general public is also notified that six months after first appearance of this notice, any person may lodge a complaint to the Commission with respect to a standard form contract in accordance with Part VI of the said Regulations.

The objective of this public notice is to raise awareness of the general public, and in particular, to stakeholders on the existence of the said Regulations and the indicative date for their coming into force.

This notice is given to all Service Providers, the Business Community and the general public pursuant to Regulation 35 of the said Regulations.

Please visit our website at www.competition.or.tz for the full text of the said Regulations.

Please take note that the Fair Competition Commission is an independent government institution established by the Fair Competition Act (No. 8 of 2003) to promote and protect effective competition in trade and to protect consumers from misleading market conduct. Similarly, the Commission implements the Merchandise Marks Act, 1963, as amended, which is the legal framework for fighting counterfeit goods in Tanzania mainland.

Issued by

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