

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
THE TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY



**PUBLIC INQUIRY ON THE REVIEW OF TARIFF FOR REGULATED TANZANIA
POSTAL CORPORATION (TPC) SERVICES AND PRODUCTS**

The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has received application from the Tanzania Postal Corporation (TPC) requesting for approval to review tariffs for the regulated Postal services and products vide correspondence with Ref. No. MKT/DF827 of 2nd October 2006 as per table hereunder;

PROPOSED TARIFFS FOR DOMESTIC MAIL SERVICES

CATEGORY	WEIGHT STEP	CHARGES (SHS)					% increase
		ECONOMY			PRIORITY		
		Charges in TShs	Revised	% Increase	Current	Revised	
Letters (maximum weight 2 kgs)	Up to 20 gms	350	400	14%	700	800	14%
	Above 20gms up to 50gms	600	700	17%	800	900	13%
	Above 50gms up to 100 gms	800	900	13%	1000	1100	10%
	Above 100gms up to 250gms	900	1000	11%	1300	1500	15%
	Above 250gms up to 500gms	1600	1800	13%	2200	2400	9%
	Above 500gms up to 1 kg	2300	2600	13%	3200	3500	9%
Aerogrammes and Postcards	Above 1kg up to 2kgs	3000	3500	17%	3700	4000	8%
	Single without enclosure	300	350	17%	600	700	17%
Printed Matter & Book Post (maximum weight 20 kgs)	Up to 50 gms	300	400	33%	500	600	20%
	Above 50gms up to 100gms	400	550	38%	600	700	17%
	Above 100gms up to 250gms	500	650	30%	900	1000	11%
	Above 1kg up to 2kgs	1200	2200	83%	3100	2800	-10%
	Above 2kgs up to 3kgs	1600	2400	50%	3900	3600	-8%
	Above 4kgs up to 5kgs	2500	2800	12%	5800	5000	-14%
	Each additional 1kg or part thereof up to 20kgs	400	500		600	700	17%
Utility Bills	Up to 10gm	-	-	-	-	250	
	Above 10gms up to 20gms	-	-	-	-	300	
	Above 20gms up to 50 gms	-	-	-	-	350	
News Papers (maximum weight 3kgs)	Up to 250gms	300	400	33%	500	600	20%
	Above 250gms up to 500gms	400	600	50%	600	800	33%
	Above 500gms up to 1kg	500	1600	220%	1000	2000	100%
	Above 1kg up to 2kgs	600	2000	233%	1600	2800	75%
	Above 2kgs up to 3kgs.	700	2400	243%	2300	3500	52%
Small Packets, Samples, Photographic materials	Up to 100gms.	500	600	20%	900	900	0%
	Above 250gms up to 500gms.	1400	1400	0%	2000	1800	-10%
	Above 500gms up to 1kg.	2000	1500	-25%	2500	2000	-20%
Literature for the blind	Maximum weight is 10kgs	Free	Free		400	400	0%
Advertising Mail (maximum paper size A4 or weight 50gms)	Local delivery (unaddressed).	50	20	-60%	50	20	-60%
	Local delivery (addressed).	100	50	-50%	100	50	-50%
Parcel (Maximum weight 50 kgs)							
	Above 5kgs up to 10kgs	2500	2500	0%	8900	10000	12%
	Above 10kgs up to 15kgs	3700	3700	0%	13500	14200	5%
	Above 15kgs up to 20kgs	4200	4200	0%	17500	20000	14%
	Above 20kgs up to 25kgs	5400	5400	0%	20000	25000	25%
	Above 25kgs up to 30kgs	7100	7100	0%	25500	30000	18%
Cumbersome Fragile Parcel Post*	Up to 1kg	4000	4000	0%	5900	5900	0%
	Above 15kgs up to 20kgs	10000	11000	10%	17400	22400	29%

Reasons put forward by TPC for tariff review include among others the persistent escalation of operations costs arising the depreciation of the Tanzanian Shilling against major foreign currencies, rise in the price of stationeries, spare parts for motor vehicles, assorted machinery and equipment and fuel leading to increase of mail conveyance charges impacting on the TPC's operations to the extent that operations costs are higher than generated revenues. TPC has not revised its tariffs since July 2004 when the current applicable tariffs were revised and approved by the Authority.

Pursuant to the TCRA's Act No. 12 of 2003 section (18) (2), the Authority hereby invites all stakeholders in the communications sector; including the TCRA Consumer Consultative Council (CCC), Private, Government and Non-Government organizations responsible for consumer education and advocacy, consumers of the postal services and the general public to give their written comments to assist the Authority in considering the tariff review.

Please one may seek clarification and submit your opinion and views in writing to TCRA through the address indicated below within a period of thirty (30) days from 10th December 2006.

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