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THE NATIONAL PARKS ORDINANCE (CAP. 412)

REGULATIONS

Made under section 18

THE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARKS REGULATIONS, 2003

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Mountains National Parks Regulations, 2003, shall be read as one with the National Parks Regulations, 1970 and shall come into operation on the date of its publication.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:—
- “Authorized Officer” means any person authorized by the Trustees to perform the functions of the authorized officers;
 - “Porter” means a person employed from a Registered Porters Association, to carry luggage and other items of a tourist;
 - “Porters Association” means a porters organization, which is legally registered for the purpose of safeguarding porters interest;
 - “Guide” means a professional mountain climber in charge of a group who is a member of a Registered Guides Association and includes those employed by the park (including ranger guide);
 - “Guides Association” means guides organization that is legally registered for the purpose of safeguarding guides interest;
 - “Climber” means a person who goes or comes to a higher altitude of a mountain for tourist and other purposes and includes porters and guides;

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"Tour Operator" means a travel agent who is registered and is a member of Tour Operators Association, who specialized in tourist transportation, package holidays and visits to tourist attraction places;

"Climbing Gear" means all equipment that ease climbing and stay in a mountain and they include tents, rain coat, warm clothing, boots, gloves, bed, groundsheets, cooking utensils and their accessories (excluding fuel wood), sanitary bags and other incidental equipment.

"Route Movement Procedures" means the procedures set by the appropriate park in respect of guidelines to be observed in ascending and descending the mountain concerned and they include official ascending or descending routes or trails;

"Trash in Trash Out" means all garbage in all garbage out;

"Garbage" means all types of wastes or litters including solid and liquid ones that are biological or non-biological, degradable or non degradable.

3. The park shall only deal with properly registered and licenced tour operations who are also members of a tour operators association, unless those expressly granted permission in writing by the Director General or Warden In-Charge of that park.

4. Guide(s) and or an armed park ranger shall guide every climbing group: Provided that the park shall determine a distance, segment, strip or area in which an armed park ranger shall guide climbers through a thick forest.

5. Each tour operator and his guide shall make sure that all climbers have all necessary, suitable and adequate climbing gears and adequate foodstuff.

6. Each tour operator shall only employ trained guides who shall be honest, disciplined, and trustworthy; and who are members of a registered guides association and such guide shall hold a valid identity card issued by the park.

7. Tour operators and guides shall only hire or employ porters who are honest, disciplined, and trustworthy who are members of a

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registered porters associations and who shall hold valid identity cards issued by the registered Porters Association.

8. The registered Porters Association shall make sure that all porters intending to climb any mountain are healthy and physically fit and have justified their fitness by submitting medical certificates once in every twelve months to that effect to the association.

9. All climbers including guides and porters shall be registered at the entrance points before they can attempt climbing.

10. All guides and porters are strictly forbidden to consume alcohol while climbing or descending and for the entire period of their stay in the park.

11. All climbers shall, except with the written permission from the Director General or Warden Incharge, follow only official route movement procedures.

12. Porters shall only carry luggage weighing between 18-25 kilograms while ascending or descending the appropriate mountain.

13. Each guide shall only lead visitors assigned to him or her by his employer or park.

14. All climbers are strictly forbidden to use fuelwood for whatever purpose including cooking or warming while in the park.

15. All climbers are not allowed to use caves or bivouacs, and others of the like which are inside the park for whatever purpose.

16. Every climbing group shall carry with it cellular phone(s) that are adequate for communication purposes in case a group encounters a problem.

17. Every guide shall:-

- (a) be with and in sight of his climbing party or group throughout the climbing trip period;

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- (b) follow laid down guidelines, in case of Kilimanjaro National Park between Sella's or Gilman's point and Uhuru peak and, in case of Arusha National Park at Ash cone and shall observe all other restrictions shown through assistance of guides, rangers, signposts and other signs connoting restrictions.
- (c) Immediately report to the appropriate park authority any one of the following:-
 - (i) visitors loss of property;
 - (ii) bodily injury to the climber;
 - (iii) climber's death and;
 - (iv) any illegal activities taking place inside the park, including bushfires.
- (d) Provide First Aid treatment to any sick or ill or injured member of his group and rescue him or her down along with informing the appropriate park authority.

18. Parachuting, cycling, skiing and hang gliding activities inside the park are strictly prohibited.

19. Children under 10 years old are not allowed to climb beyond 3700 Metres.

20.—(1) Every climbing group is required to strictly, observe the principle enforced for litter and waste treatment which is "garbage in garbage out" ("Trash in Trash out").

(2) Where toilet facilities are provided at the gates, along the trails, and at campsite and Bandas, all climbers without exception, are required to strictly use such facilities.

21. Each Tour Operator who is allowed to operate in the National Parks shall use own company labeled packing materials like plastic bags, napkins, lunch, biscuits or meal boxes and other similar items when transporting such items in the park.

22. Notwithstanding the provisions of these regulations, every climber climbs at his own risk and the Trustees of Tanzania National Parks shall not in any way be liable to any climber's loss of properties, loss of life, injury or to similar risks arising out of climbing either caused by acts of God, negligence of an employee of the Trustees or by whatsoever reasons.

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23. Any person who contravenes any of these regulations commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to fine of not less than three hundred thousand shillings but not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or on admitting his offence be compounded by the authorized officer a fine of not less than two hundred thousand shillings but not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or the Director General or Warden Incharge may ban the Guide, Tour Operator or interpreter who repeatedly contravenes these regulations for a specified or non-specified period of time depending on the gravity of the offence.

Dar es Salaam,
30th June, 2003

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Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism

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THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT, 1976
(No. 12 OF 1976)

ORDER

Made under section 7(1)

THE CUSTOMS TARIFF (REMISSION) (THE TANZANIA POLICE FORCE)
(THE TANZANIA POLICE BAND) (MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS) ORDER, 2003.

1. This Order may be cited as the Customs Tariff (Remission) (Tanzania Police Force) (The Tanzania Police Band) (Musical Instruments) Order, 2003 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of March, 2003.

2. Subject to the conditions specified in paragraph 3 of this Order, the whole of the import duty payable on instruments specified on the Schedule to this Order imported or purchased prior to clearance through customs by or on behalf of Tanzania Police Force to be used solely by the Tanzania Police Band is hereby remitted.