



EAC single customs territory gains momentum

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TANZANIA has increased a list of goods to be cleared under the East African Community single customs territory (SCT) effective yesterday to move a notch higher the integration process of the region. The Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) announced yesterday that sugar, rice, maize and edible oil manufactured and traded within the EAC region between Kenya and Tanzania would be cleared under the single customs territory arrangement effective from yesterday.

In its notice to importers, exporters clearing and forwarding agents, TRA said the new arrangement would also apply to neutral spirits, alcoholic products, cigarettes, iron and steel products and soaps and detergents that have been manufactured in the EAC and traded between Kenya and Tanzania.

TRA said cement and salt manufactured and traded within

the East African Community region between Tanzania and Rwanda would also be cleared under the single customs territory arrangement.

The new arrangement would also apply to all goods originating in Uganda or Tanzania and traded between the two countries, the revenue body said.

Tanzania joined Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda in rolling out clearance of goods under the EAC Single Customs Territory (SCT) from 30th June this year with cigarettes, neutral spirits and detergents.

The new development in the EAC Single Customs Territory has been described as an important milestone in the integration process in the region initiated with the re-establishment of the East African Community in 2000.

The EAC has a combined area of 1.82 million square kilometres and a market base of more than 141.1 million people who share history, language, culture and infrastructure.