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UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES
REGULATORY AUTHORITY
(EWURA)



IN THE MATTER OF ROUTINE INSPECTION OF LPG OPERATIONS

AND

IN THE MATTER OF CHECKING ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW AND HEALTH,
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS ON HANDLING OF LPG CYLINDERS
BY TAIFA GAS LIMITED

(COMPLIANCE ORDER NO:15-11-2024)

REFERENCE NO BA.237/308/22/ Vol.IV /90

(Made under section 39 of the EWURA Act, Cap. 414)

PRELIMINARIES

On 22nd & 23rd September 2024, EWURA sent two Petroleum Inspectors to conduct an investigation regarding illegal refilling of LPG and storage of LPG cylinders at unauthorized premises at Upanga West, Ilala Municipality in Dar es Salaam Region. The investigation followed some information regarding the matter received from Oil Com Tanzania Limited.

During investigation, it was observed that Shedrack Ernest Chavaligino was in possession of 83 empty and filled LPG gas cylinders of different sizes from different brands including 1 cylinder of 15kgs belonging to **Taifa Gas Limited**. The culprit was also found in possession of 69 top seals and two (2) refill pipes for undertaking illegal refilling of LPG contrary to 32(1) of the Petroleum (Liquified Petroleum Gas Operations) Rules, 2020. Furthermore, possession of such LPG cylinders which belongs to different companies was undertaken without having a dealership agreement with such companies contrary to rule 27(1) of the Petroleum (Liquified Petroleum Gas Operations) Rules, 2020. EWURA also observed that storage of the cylinders found in his possession was done at un-authorized and un-safe premises which endangers public health, safety and the environment contrary to section 179 of Petroleum Act, Cap. 392 and rule 40(1)(b) of the Petroleum (Liquified Petroleum Gas Operation) Rules, 2020 which prohibits conducting petroleum operations in unauthorized premises and in a manner that endangers public health, safety and Environment.

Pursuant to rule 41(1), (2) (3) and (4) of the Petroleum (Liquefied Petroleum Gas Operations) Rules, 2020, Taifa Gas Limited as an LPG Wholesaler is, at all times, required to keep track of all its LPG cylinders above 16 Kgs and in the event an LPG cylinder above 16 Kgs cylinder is used in the illegal decanting and/or refilling, the supplier of such cylinder shall be deemed to be negligent in accordance with the law and punishable as such.

ORDER

THEREFORE, and based on the foregoing EWURA has considered the matter in accordance with the applicable laws and has decided that **Taifa Gas Limited** be and is **HEREBY ORDERED** to:

- a) immediately ensure that it monitors and keeps track of its LPG cylinders pursuant to rule 41(1), (2) and (3) of the Petroleum (Liquefied Petroleum Gas Operations) Rules, 2020; and
- b) explain in writing within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of this Order why legal action should not be taken against **Taifa Gas Limited** for failure to monitor and keep track of its LPG cylinders thus resulting to its LPG cylinders being used for illegal refilling by Shedrack Ernest Chavaligino contrary to rule 41 of the Petroleum (Liquefied Petroleum Gas Operations) Rules, 2020.

GIVEN under the seal of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority this 12th day of November 2024.

Dr. James A. Mwainyekule
DIRECTOR GENERAL

Order served upon, and received by:

.....this 20th day of November, 2024.

Name JUMA J. MASESE

Signature [Signature]

Designation TERMINAL MANAGER



This Order is issued in duplicate. Sign both copies and retain your copy while the other cop is to be returned to the authority to authenticate due service of the Order.



Photo 1: Front view of the house where illegal LPG activities were undertaken



Photo 5: Burnt cylinder seized by **The Fire and Rescue Services Force**



Photo 6. LPG cylinders seized by The Fire and Rescue Services Force



Photo 7. Lake Gas Limited LPG cylinders (38kg) seized by The Fire and Rescue Services Force



Photo 8: Devices used in decanting and refilling of cylinders seized by **The Fire and Rescue Services Force**



Photo 9. Weighing scales