



**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**THE CASHEWNUT BOARD OF TANZANIA**



**CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE LABEL PLACED ON BENS SULPHUR DUST BAGS IMPORTED IN THE 2023/2024 SEASON**

The Cashewnut Board of Tanzania would like to provide clarification concerning a circulating video on social media showing bags containing Bens brand powdered sulphur, which have a sticker labeled: GOVERNMENT CASHEW SUBSIDY 2024/2025 CROP SEASON NOT FOR SALE (HAUZW). Once the sticker is removed, the original writing underneath reads: GVT/RUZUKU/2023/2024 NOT FOR SALE.

The truth is that, these labels have nothing to do with the expiry date of the pesticide, which is used to control powdery mildew disease in cashew cultivation in the country. The markings are simply meant to indicate the season in which the sulphur was distributed to farmers.

The sticker labeled 2024/2025 CROP SEASON means that the sulphur is intended for use in the 2024/2025 farming season, in preparation for the production of raw cashew nuts in the 2025/2026 season. This sticker was applied to distinguish these bags from those distributed in the 2023/2024 season, which were meant for cashew production in the 2024/2025 season.

According to the printed information on the bags, the sulphur was manufactured in September 2024 and its expiry date is August 2026.

Furthermore, the reason for ordering this sulphur early during the 2023/2024 season, was to ensure it could be distributed across two seasons: 2023/2024 and 2024/2025, so that farmers could receive inputs in a timely manner. As a result, in both the past and current seasons, sulphur distribution to farmers began as early as April 2025, which has significantly contributed in the improvement of the crop compared to previous years when delays in sulphur distribution negatively impacted production.

Therefore, through this clarification, we wish to inform cashew farmers and the public at large that the Bens brand sulphur currently being distributed along with other sulphur brands, has not expired and is appropriate for use in controlling powdery mildew disease. Additionally, before distribution, the quality of this sulphur was verified by the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA).

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