

**Factors Influencing Tax Evasion from Imported Goods in Tanzania
A Case of Sirari Boarder Point**

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Tax evasion is among the major societal problems inhibiting development in both developed and developing countries. This study sought to analyze the business person's opinion on the factors influencing tax evasion from imported goods in Tanzania; using a case of Sirari boarder point. Specifically, the study intended to determine the influence of taxpayer's compliance behaviors on tax evasion, to examine the influence of tax morale on tax evasion, to determine the influence of administrative machinery on tax evasion as well as to examine the influence of economic factors on tax evasion. The researcher adopted a descriptive research design (survey) while data were collected from 98 respondents as a sample size. Data were collected using questionnaire and interview. The study found that, tax perception, ability to pay punishment, tax rates, age of taxpayer and tax knowledge has an influence to tax evasion (P 0.05). Also, the study found that, adequate infrastructural facilities, tax benefits, satisfaction with government programme and government social services to her citizens influence tax evasion (P S 0.05). Also, the study found that, corruption, improper accountability, lack of trained manpower and revenue lost among businessmen influences tax evasion (P 0.05). While tax collection in the country has no influence to tax evasion (P 0.05). Finally, the study observed that, tax rates, exchange rate, inflation rate, penalty rate and business running costs influences tax evasion (P 0.05). It was concluded that taxpayer's compliance behaviors is of great important towards voluntary tax compliance in fighting with tax evasion. Tax benefits can make citizens feel responsible to comply with tax laws. Corruption and other administrative machineries affect tax system and administration as well as efficiency of redistribution of tax revenues and lastly, economic factors related to business operations should be reconsidered by the tax administrators towards the fight for tax evasion.