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## INSPECTION OF CARGO FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF CONFORMITY

We wish to notify the Public and Importers that the requirement for inspection and issuance of Certificate of Conformity has been expanded to cover all Imports of finished products. This updated requirement has been found necessary in order to protect the safety and health of Kenyans in addition to securing tax revenues.

Key concerns that have arisen in the past include cases of cargo mis-declaration and undervaluation.

Accordingly, pursuant to Clause 6(2) of Legal Notice No. 78 of 15th July 2005 on the Verification of Conformity to Standards of Imports, the following measures shall apply in respect of all goods imported into Kenya, with effect from **1st December 2015**:

- (a) All imports with the exception of those listed under Clause (b) below, shall be inspected at the Country of Origin and issued with Certificates of Conformity (CoC).
- (b) Cargo exempted from the requirement in Clause (a) above shall be limited to the following:
  - (i) Raw materials for processing into Finished Products.
  - (ii) Spare parts for own use by Manufacturers.
  - (iii) Customized Machinery not meant for Sale.
- (c) No cargo shall be allowed entry into Kenya except as provided under Clauses (a) and (b) above.

**Presentation of Certificates of Conformity shall be a mandatory requirement to facilitate clearance of imports by both Kenya Revenue Authority and Kenya Bureau of Standards.**

Information on Inspection Agents can be accessed through KEBS Website at: <http://www.kebs.org> or by accessing the following links:

Goods: <http://www.kebs.org/index.php?opt=qai&view=pvocoverview>

Motor vehicles: <http://www.kebs.org/index.php?opt=qai&view=motor-vehicle-inspection>

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