

26th September 2018**THE STANDARDS INSPECTION OF IMPORTS ORDER, 2018**

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) informs stakeholders in the imports industry that starting 1st October, 2018, all goods imported into the country, shall adhere to the provisions of Legal Notice No. 127 of 19th June, 2018. Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) have already pronounced the implementation date vide public notice on 3rd September, 2018.

The following regulations will apply as per the Legal Notice;

1. All imported goods must meet compliance Standards in Kenya.
2. The goods must be duly verified by an inspection body appointed by KEBS, in the country where the goods originated prior to shipment.
3. The imported goods must have a Certificate of Conformity issued by KEBS. Goods that do not conform to the Kenyan Standards or approved specifications will not be allowed into the country.
4. In exceptional circumstances where goods arrive without Certificate of Conformity at the Port of entry, they will be verified upon payment by the importer an inspection fee of twenty per cent of the approved Customs value. (Verification by KEBS for quality Standards and KRA for tax purposes will only happen upon approval by the Cabinet Secretary).
5. Any goods which do not conform to the Kenyan Standards or approved specifications, shall not be permitted into Kenya and shall be rejected and destroyed at the expense of the importer.
6. Arising from the above, KRA will cease to issue approval letters for local inspection hitherto processed under the existing arrangement with KEBS.

Importers are advised to obtain and familiarize themselves with the details of exemption criteria on Pre-Export Verification of Conformity to Standards (PVOC) requirements, as contained in the Legal Notice.

KRA is committed to facilitate clearance of compliant cargo in accordance with the import requirements under the East African Community Customs Management Act.

Commissioner for Customs and Border Control