

COMMENCEMENT OF PETROLEUM IMPORTS INSPECTION BY KENYA BUREAU OF STANDARDS (KEBS)

Following the formal launch of the petroleum inspection and testing facility at Mombasa by the Honourable Minister for Industrialization Hon. Henry Kosgey on 27th August 2009, all petroleum and petroleum products imported into the country shall be subjected to inspection by Kenya Bureau of Standards and its contracted agent Geo-Chem Middle East at the port of discharge with effect from the date of the formal launch. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Standards Act Cap 496 of the Laws of Kenya.

Importers and shippers of petroleum and petroleum products are notified as follows:

- 1) That they are required to notify KEBS of any intended importation of petroleum or petroleum products and the quantities thereof at least seven days before the arrival of the vessel at the port of discharge. A detailed notification form may be obtained from KEBS offices at Nairobi and Mombasa or at www.kebs.org.
- 2) Allow KEBS inspectors and Geo-Chem personnel unrestricted access to the vessels and fuel storage depots for purposes of inspection and collection of samples for testing.
- 3) That an inspection fee to be determined by KEBS shall be payable by the importer/shipper prior to commencement of discharge of the petroleum or petroleum products from the vessel.
- 4) The KEBS shall upon completion of inspection and testing, issue in respect of the products inspected and tested:
 - a) A Certificate of Quality for products that comply with Kenya standards or standards approved by KEBS, or
 - b) A Non Conformity Report for products that do not comply with Kenya Standards or standards approved by KEBS and
 - c) A Certificate of Quantity
- 5) The Certificate of Quantity issued by KEBS shall be submitted to the Kenya Revenue Authority by the Importer for the purposes of calculating duties and taxes.
- 6) Only petroleum and petroleum products issued with Certificates of Quality and Quantity shall be allowed into the country.

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