1. **What is the revised S-MARK scheme?**  
   It is a Standardization Mark scheme used by KEBS to certify locally manufactured goods to a 2-yr validity period which came into effect on July 1, 2020.

2. **How different is the new scheme from the previous?**  
   It raises the validity period from 1 to 2 years.

3. **What happens to the applications already made on previous scheme but have not been processed up to permit?**  
   Applicants have an opportunity to upgrade to the revised scheme by paying the applicable fees.

4. **What happens to the already existing valid permits?**  
   They will run up to expiry after which they will be renewed on the new scheme terms.

5. **Suppose a product is certified to a Diamond Mark of Quality which has a 3-yr validity period?**  
   The corresponding S-Mark shall ride on the same and shall have a 3-yr validity period too without any additional fee.

6. **Apart from raising the validity period, what other advantages does the new scheme provide?**  
   It allows applicants to submit test reports of their samples from other accredited/designated laboratories thus reducing the turnaround time for certification.

7. **What are accredited/designated laboratories?**  
   Accredited laboratories are those labs that hold valid accreditation to ISO-IEC 17025 by accrediting bodies such as KENAS (Kenya National Accreditation Service).  
   A designated Lab is one that has been designated by KEBS as such, having met the requirements of EAC-SQMT act of 2006.

8. **Where can one get the contacts/details of accredited/designated laboratories?**  
   The list of KENAS accredited testing laboratories can be found under the Directory of Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies on the KENAS website [https://kenas.go.ke/testing-and-calibration/](https://kenas.go.ke/testing-and-calibration/)

9. **What are the charges for certification to the various firm categories?**

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   For Fortification Mark, additional fee of Ksh 20,000 is applicable.
   Note that payments are exclusive of VAT.

10. **What are the turnover limits/firm categories for LME, MME and SME?**  
    LME = Large Manufacturing Enterprise: Annual turnover over Ksh 500,000  
    MME = Medium Manufacturing Enterprise: Annual turnover over Ksh 200,000 and up to Ksh 500,000  
    SME = Small Manufacturing Enterprise: Annual turnover up to 200,000