



**Kenya Bureau of
Standards**

Standards for Quality Life

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NOTICE TO IMPORTERS OF SPECIAL PURPOSE MOTOR VEHICLES

The Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) is a statutory body established under the Standards Act, Cap. 496, Laws of Kenya, and is mandated to provide conformity assessment based on Kenya Standards or approved specifications, among other services.

KEBS enforces KS 1515:2000 - Kenya Standard Code of Practice for Inspection of Road Vehicles, which prohibits the importation and registration of motor vehicles older than eight (8) years from the year of first registration. KS 1515:2000 further prohibits the importation and registration of Left-Hand Drive (LHD) vehicles. However, special-purpose vehicles that are over eight (8) years old and/or Left-Hand Drive (LHD) may be allowed entry into the country, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Proof of customization
- Provision of a record of serviceability
- Evidence that the vehicle is no more than 20 years old from the year of manufacture.

Details regarding the waiver requirements for the importation of special-purpose vehicles are available on www.kebs.org, and all stakeholders are advised to review and familiarize themselves with these requirements prior to initiating any importation process. All importers of special purpose vehicles are encouraged to apply for and obtain the requisite waivers before shipping the said units into the country to avoid inconveniences.

Please be guided accordingly.

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