



## PUBLIC NOTICE ON EXPIRY OF PVoC CONTRACTS FOR GENERAL GOODS AND INCIDENTAL ARRANGEMENTS THEREOF

The Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) is a statutory body established under the Standards Act, CAP. 496, Laws of Kenya, mandated to provide quality inspection of imports based on Kenya Standards or approved specifications, among other services. KEBS conducts inspection of imported goods either at the country of exportation through the Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) to Standards Programme, or at the destination (Ports of Entry).

The PVoC services are offered by inspection companies contracted by KEBS under a three (3) year contract cycle. KEBS hereby informs all stakeholders and the public that the current PVoC contracts for general goods expired on 8th February 2026. Consequently, the previous PVoC service providers ceased operations and shall not accept any new Requests for Certification (RFCs). However, all RFCs received on or before 8th February 2026 shall be processed, provided that the certification decision is made and a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) or Non-Conformity Report (NCR) is issued not later than 28th February 2026.

KEBS further informs all stakeholders and the Public that it is in the process of procuring inspection companies for the next three (3) year PVoC contract cycle and will provide updates on the resumption of PVoC services upon conclusion of the procurement process.

In the intervening period, all imports shipped on board from 9th February 2026 without a valid CoC shall be subjected to Destination Inspection, upon payment of an inspection fee equivalent to 0.6% of the approved customs value.

For efficient clearance of goods at the Ports of Entry, Importers are urged to undertake either of the following measures:

- 1. Product testing prior to importation:** Importers are encouraged to obtain the applicable Kenya Standards from KEBS and share them with their suppliers to facilitate testing of the goods in any ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory before exportation to Kenya.
- 2. Product Registration and Diamond Mark Scheme:** Importers may have their products registered by KEBS or certified under the KEBS Diamond Mark Scheme prior to importation.

Importers in possession of either of the above quality documents are required to submit them, together with other import documentation, through the National Single Window Trade Facilitation Platform for processing by KEBS under the Pre-Arrival Processing arrangements.

In addition, importers are required to furnish a certificate demonstrating that products intended for importation are freely sold and compliant with applicable regulatory requirements in the country of origin.

Goods originating from East African Community (EAC) Partner States shall continue to be handled in accordance with the provisions of the EAC Standardization, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing (SQMT) Act, 2006.

Please note that the PVoC contract for used motor vehicles, mobile equipment, and spare parts between KEBS and M/s Quality Inspection Services Japan (QISJ) remains in force and is not affected by this notice. All used motor vehicles, mobile equipment, and spare parts shall continue to be inspected by QISJ. Any such consignments arriving at the Ports of Entry without a Certificate of Roadworthiness (CoR) or CoC shall be subjected to Destination Inspection, in accordance with Legal Notice No. 78 of April 2020.

Further information on Destination Inspection is available on the KEBS website: [www.kebs.org](http://www.kebs.org)

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