



PUBLIC NOTICE

RECOGNITION OF PERMITS FOR USE OF THE STANDARDISATION MARK FOR PRODUCTS LOCALLY MANUFACTURED IN THE EAC PARTNER STATES AND BEING IMPORTED INTO UGANDA

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NOTICE TO ALL IMPORTERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS) is mandated to protect the health and safety of Consumers and the Environment through the formulation and enforcement of Compulsory Uganda Standards.

The East African Community Standardisation, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing (SQMT) Act 2006 provides under Section 15 the adoption of East African Standards by Partner States within 6 months of their declaration.

Section 24 (1) stipulates that partner states shall notify the Council of the product Certification Marks within the Jurisdiction of Partner States.

In this regard, UNBS would like to notify Importers and the Public as follows:

1. Where an EAS Standard exists, the permit for use of the Product Certification Marks should be issued against such EAS standard. All commodities accompanied by permits not complying will be subjected to Destination Inspection.
2. Where an EAS Standard exists and the partner state has not adopted it as provided under Section 15, then UNBS shall not recognize such permit and in this case destination inspection will apply.
3. Where there is No EAS Standard, but the goods are certified and bear a valid permit for use of a Product Certification mark based on a National

Standard of a partner state, UNBS will recognize the Product Certification Mark in accordance with section 24 of the EAC SQMT Act 2006.

4. All conforming commodities shall be traceable to the permit issued by the partner State.

In the light of the above, Marks within the EAC Partner States are:

- i. Kenya Bureau of Standards - KEBS Standardization Mark,
- ii. Rwanda Standards Board - Rwanda Standardization Mark (RSB mark),
- iii. Tanzania Bureau of Standards - Tanzania Standardization Mark (TBS mark),
- iv. Burundi Bureau of Standards - Burundi Standardization Mark (BBS Mark)
- v. Uganda National Bureau of Standards – The Use of Distinctive Mark (Q-Mark),

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