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Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SEA VESSEL AND CONTAINER INSPECTION AND CHARGES FOR PHYTOSANITARY COMPLIANCE

The Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) is a government agency mandated to ensure the quality of agricultural inputs and produce, as well as facilitate safe trade. In alignment with the KEPHIS Act of 2012, the Plant Protection Act (Cap 324), the Export Act (Cap 319), Legal Notice No. 48 of 2009, and International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) standards, KEPHIS will commence the inspection of vessels and containers entering and exiting Kenya, along with the application of associated charges, as published in MyGov on June 25, 2024.

This is to **officially notify** all stakeholders that these charges will take effect from **March 1, 2025**, following agreements made during stakeholder meetings held on December 10, 2024, and February 19, 2025, at Bandari Maritime Academy, Mombasa. The rollout will begin with a pilot phase covering both inbound and outbound sea vessels and containers to ensure phytosanitary compliance, mitigate risks, and uphold trade standards.

The agreed inspection charges are as follows:

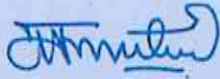
1. KES 2,000 for sea vessels
2. KES 500 for 20ft/40ft containers

NB. The charges does not apply to transit and transhipment containers

Additionally, to facilitate efficient inspections and compliance, all shipping lines and agents will be required to share the manifest for both imports and exports with KEPHIS in advance.

We appreciate your valuable contributions during the consultation process and look forward to your continued support in ensuring smooth implementation and compliance.

Yours Faithfully,



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