



NOTICE TO ALL MANUFACTURERS

THE STANDARDS ACT CAP 496 LAWS OF KENYA

Following the gazettment of Standards (Standards Levy) Order 2025 vide the Legal Notice No. 136 dated 08th August 2025, all manufacturers are required to remit to Kenya Bureau of Standards, standards levy, recoverable at source, at the rate of zero point two percent (0.2%) of their monthly turnover in respect of manufacture undertaken, Net of Value Added Tax, Excise Duty and Discounts where applicable, **subject to a maximum of Kenya Shillings, Four Million Only, (Kes.4,000,000) per annum.**

Payments shall be done through KRA iTax on or before the 20th day of the succeeding month. Manufacturers whose turnover of the goods manufactured, or services offered in each month net of Value Added Tax, Excise Duty and discount does not exceed Kenya Shillings, five million, Kes 5,000,000) per year is exempted from paying levy. **The order takes effect immediately following the gazettment.** Failure to comply with the standards levy order of 2025 is an offence under the Standards Act CAP 496, laws of Kenya. A manufacturer is defined to include a person or persons who **PRODUCE, PROCESS, TREAT, INSTALL, TEST, OPERATE AND USE.**

Persons who manufacture or intend to manufacture are required to notify the Managing Director, Kenya Bureau of Standards by filling registration forms SL/1 available at the Kenya Bureau of Standards official website on KEBS Information Management System (KIMS).

Note that failure to notify the Managing Director not only constitutes an offence under the Act but also does not absolve a manufacturer from paying the standards Levy and Penalty as prescribed in 10B (3) of the Standards Act, which is 5% monthly for the period the levy remains unpaid.

For further clarification please visit any Kenya Bureau of Standards office nearest to you or email us at **Email: standardslevy@kebs.org; Website: www.kebs.org**

Following below are some of the activities which fall under manufacturing as per the Standards Levy Order.

PART I—BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

1. Construction and repair of roads.
2. Construction of bridges.
3. Waterways, sewers and drainage construction, repair, and renovations.
4. Construction, alteration, and renovation of buildings.
5. Construction and installation of irrigation systems.
6. Drilling of boreholes.
7. Construction of dams.
8. Earth and excavation works.
9. Masonry and concrete works.
10. Flooring, roofing, glazing and timber works.
11. Interior design and painting works.
12. Plumbing and water proofing works.
13. Ceramics and natural stones works.
14. Aluminium works, steel works and fabrications.
15. Lift and elevators installation.
16. Partitioning and ceilings installation.
17. Woodwork and furniture making.
18. Construction and installation of fences and security systems.
19. Quarrying and mining.
20. Manufacturing of construction materials and components.
21. Saw milling and wood treatment.
22. Gemstone cutting, processing of gems and precious stones.
23. Mining and semi precious stones and materials.

PART II—TEXTILES

24. Extraction of Fibres (plant, synthetics, animal, blended).
25. Spinning, knitting Weaving, embroidery.
26. Textiles and apparels making.
27. Dyeing and printing.
28. Hides and skins processors.
29. Leather processing.
30. Leather products manufacturing.
31. Dry-cleaning.
32. Footwear manufacturing.
33. Handbags, wallets, purses making.
34. Extraction of Fibres (plant, synthetics, animal, blended).

PART III—MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

35. Assemblers.
36. Crankshaft grinding.
37. Panel beating and spray painting.
38. General repair and maintenance.
39. Metal works.
40. Containers and tanks.
41. Garages.
42. Lift assemblers and maintenance firms.
43. Body builders.
44. Spare parts manufacturing, re-conditioning or engraving.
45. Steel plants, steam boilers and gas installation.
46. Refrigeration and air conditioning.
47. Fuel pump installation.
48. Highway control materials.

PART IV—ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

49. Power generation, installation, and distribution.
50. Electrical and electronic equipment.
51. Telephone equipment wiring, installation and maintenance.
52. Electrical rewinding and repairs.
53. Alarm, closed circuit television, and electric fencing installation.
54. Air conditioning, refrigeration, and ventilation.
55. Electrical communication, installation fitting and wiring.
56. Lift installation and elevators.
57. Electronic communication installation.
58. Computer engineering installation, repair, and maintenance.
59. Software development.
60. Network and fibre installation.
61. Medical and laboratory equipment installation.
62. Electrical works, installation fitting and wiring.
63. Air conditioning works.

PART V—FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

64. Pre-packaged foods.
65. Fresh fruits and vegetables.
66. Flowers and ornamentals.
67. Abattoirs and meat processing.
68. Bulk food processing.
69. Animal feeds.
70. Fish or sea food products.
71. Jaggeries.
72. Coffee or tea processing.
73. Bakeries, confectioners, and food compounders.
74. Millers.
75. Seed manufacturing and plant propagation.
76. Tobacco and related products.

PART VI—CHEMICALS

77. Petroleum, gas, coal, and related products.
78. Water treatment and filtration works.
79. Agricultural chemicals and fertilizers and re-packing of the same.
80. Paint and solvents.
81. Pulp, paper, and paper products.
82. Organic and inorganic chemicals and compounds.
83. Glass products.
84. Rubber.
85. Adhesives.
86. Polishes and waxes.
87. Polymer and polymer products.
88. Cinematography photographic studios.
89. Cosmetics and beauty products.
90. Pharmaceuticals and medical devices.
91. Advertising and sales promotion material design and production.
92. Printing, publishing, and screen printing.
93. Soaps, detergents, bleaches, and disinfectants.
94. Ceramics.
95. Medical, analytical, and industrial gas.

The list above is for guidance purposes only and is not to be construed to override the definition in Section 2 of the Act. Those concerned are advised to seek further clarification, information and assistance from Kenya Bureau of Standards, Levy Section.

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