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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS, WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS, VEHICLE OWNERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE OUALITY OF MOTOR VEHICLE CHEVRONS AND PORTABLE WARNING TRIANGLES

The Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) is a State Corporation established under the Standards Act Chapter 496 of the Laws of Kenya and mandated to, inter alia, carry out inspection of locally manufactured and imported products and enforce the requirements of the relevant standards and approved specifications to ensure that only compliant and safe products are sold in the country.

It has come to our notice that some brands of motor vehicle chevrons and portable warning triangles currently being sold in the Kenyan market do not meet the requirements of their respective Kenya Standards *KS 924:2012 and KS 815:2018* in the *Co-efficient of Retroreflection parameter*. The implication of this non-compliance is that the retroreflective property of such products is low, thereby diminishing their visibility especially at night and increasing the risk of road accidents.

Manufacturers, importers, wholesalers and retailers are therefore advised to only place on the market motor vehicle chevrons and portable warning triangles with valid KEBS standardisation marks for locally manufactured products and valid KEBS import standardisation marks for imported products. Vehicle owners and the general public are similarly advised to only purchase motor vehicle chevrons and portable warning triangles with valid KEBS standardisation marks for locally manufactured products and valid KEBS import standardisation marks for imported products.

All motor vehicle chevrons and portable warning triangles that shall be found not to comply with the requirements of the relevant Standards in the *Co-efficient of Retroreflection* parameter shall be seized by the Bureau and be destroyed at the importers', manufacturers' and/or dealers' expense, in addition to the Bureau undertaking any other administrative and judicial remedies that the Bureau may deem fit.

We wish to thank you for your cooperation.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

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