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COMMUNICATIONS
AUTHORITY OF KENYA

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IMPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is the regulatory agency for information and communications in Kenya with responsibilities in telecommunications, cyber security, e-commerce, broadcasting and postal/courier services. The CA is also responsible for managing the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources, administering the Universal Service Fund (USF) as well as safeguarding the interests of consumers of ICT services.

The Authority hereby notifies the current and prospective licensees, industry stakeholders, and the public on the new regulatory requirements with respect to importation and distribution of communications equipment in Kenya.

Following the Revised Telecommunications Market Structure that was gazetted through Gazette Notice Number 3335 on March 6th, 2026, pursuant to the Kenya Information and Communications Act, Cap. 411A, any entity that is interested in importing and wholesale distribution of any communication equipment is required to apply for a Communications Equipment Distributor (CED) licence in order to be able to import and have their equipment type approved by the Authority and cleared in the TradeNet system.

Existing licensees with **Telecommunications Equipment Contractor (TEC) or Vendor Licences** who want to continue importing or distributing communications equipment are also required to apply, with immediate effect, for a Communications Equipment Distributor (CED) Licence.

Full details of each licence category, the scope of the licences including licence terms, fees, and eligibility criteria, are available on the Authority's website at
<https://www.ca.go.ke/market-structure>.

Application forms, guidelines, and fee schedules are also available at
<https://www.ca.go.ke/license-application-forms-fees>.

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