



# UGANDA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS

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To:

- EAST AFRICA AUTOMOBILE SERVICES COMPANY LIMITED
- JABAL KILIMANJARO AUTO ELECT MECH
- JAPAN EXPORT VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTRE COMPANY LIMITED

Dear Sir,

**RE: HALTING OF PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY TO STANDARDS OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

Reference is made to the above mentioned subject.


As you are aware Uganda National Bureau of standards entered into contracts with three service providers for the provision of pre-export verification for motor vehicles in September 2009. The exercise has been going on since the contracts were signed.

The business community has however reported dissatisfaction with the scheme, citing aspects such as; delays in shipping, high charges over and above the contract fees and lack of integrity by some inspection firms in the technical aspects of the inspections.

Consequently, the government has considered their complaints and decided to halt PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY TO STANDARDS OF MOTOR VEHICLES with immediate effect until further consultations are made and the scheme is revised for the benefit of all stakeholders.

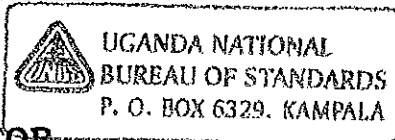
Yours faithfully,

**UGANDA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS**



Dr. Terry Kahuma

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Cc: Minister of Tourism Trade and Industry

## **PRESS STATEMENT ON THE PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION FOR CONFORMITY SCHEME (PVOC)**

Members of the press, you are aware that Government has been grappling with the menace of substandard, shoddy, counterfeit and dangerous commodities dumped into our country from overseas, and of course some of it internally generated.

The measures to cope with this problem have been on two levels.

- i. Empowering our quality and standards watchdog, the Uganda National Bureau of Standards through increasing its capacity to regulate trade and industry and ensure consumer protection.
- ii. Contracting foreign-based competent and experienced firms with wide global networks and well established laboratories and inspection capabilities to pre-inspect goods destined to Uganda and allow only compliant goods to be shipped to our country.

Both of these measures have been concurrently running with a considerable measure of success. However, implementation of the PVOC has drawn constant complaints from the business community.

These schemes comprised of two components namely;

PVOC – General goods  
PVOC – Vehicles

Under PVOC – general goods, government provided three inspection agencies to carry out this service.

1. Intertek International
2. Bureau Veritas
3. SGS (Societe Generale de Surveillance)

These firms commenced work in April this year, and importers could approach any of the firms to carry out inspections at a small fee aimed at recovering administrative expenses.

The business community has had numerous difficulties adjusting to these inspections citing;

- Bureaucratic delays
- High costs of doing business and unauthorised charges
- Unclear procedures plus incompetent inspectors and personnel
- Lack of awareness of how to contact the providers in various countries

The PVOC vehicle scheme has three providers

1. JEVIC – Japan
2. East Africa Automobile – Japan
3. Jabal Kilimanjaro – United Arab Emirates

and began in November 2009.

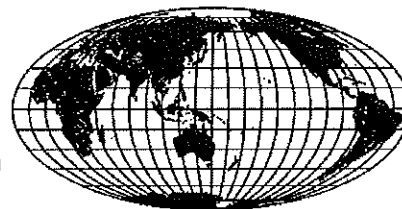
Vehicle importers have mainly complained of a rise in the cost of shipment of the vehicles due to charges beyond the agreed contract fees and also inadequate technical input in the inspection work itself.

Consequently, government has responded to the concerns of the business community by halting both schemes to allow for review and analysis.

Stakeholders will be informed of further measures to advance the objectives of ensuring the provisions of quality goods and services.

In the meantime I have tasked Uganda National Bureau of Standards to increase their capacity for inspection and vigilance to ensure that the undesirable goods do not enter the country.

Kahinda Otaffire  
**MAJ GEN**  
**MINISTER**



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### ウガンダ向け輸出自動車検査一時停止のお知らせ

貴社ますますご盛栄のこととお慶び申し上げます。

このたび、11月4日付にてウガンダ政府カフマ氏、オタフィレ大臣よりウガンダ向けの中古車検査について下記の文章と参照文が届きましたのでご報告いたします。

#### 自動車標準局への事前輸出証明の停止

「参考文書は上記の題目についての物です。」

「ご存じのように、ウガンダ国際標準局は2009年9月より3つの関連業者と自動車事前輸出証明規定の契約を結んでおります。そしてこの任務は署名契約のもと継続されています。

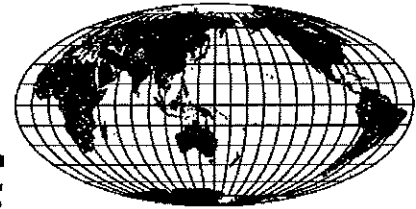
しかしながら、ビジネス業界はこの規定においての船積みの遅れ、契約料金を超えた高額請求、そしていくつかの検査会社による検査技術の不完全さなどの例を挙げ、不満を報告しています。

結果、政府では彼らの不満を考慮し、自動車標準局への事前輸出証明を審議会が全ての利害関係者が利益を得る様に改正するまで、この規定の即座の停止を決定しました。」

ウガンダ国家標準局専務 テリー・カフマ

以上

尚、参考文書も送らせていただきましたので、ご確認ください。



(参考文書)

ビジネス業界は検査において、数多くの調整困難があります。

- 官僚政治の遅れ。
- ビジネス上での高いコストと許可のない料金。
- 不明瞭な手順、不適格な検査官および人員。
- 様々な国との間での連絡手段認識の欠如。

尚、PVoC自動車計画は、2009年11月より始まり、3社の担当業者があります。

1. JEVIC－日本
2. East Africa Automobile－日本
3. Jabal Kilimanjaro－アラブ首長国連邦

車両輸入者は主に、同意された契約以上の車両船積み料金の値上げ、そして検査現場での不十分な技術労働に不満を言っています。

結果、政府は再検討と分析の考慮の為此の計画を停止とし、ビジネス業界への返答、配慮としています。

又、利害関係者には良質品とサービス規定の目的を確実に進めるための更なる通知があるでしょう。

差し当たり、こちらではウガンダ国際標準局に検査能力の強化、そして不必要な商品は我が国に入り込まない様、確認と警戒の強化を課します。

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