

UGANDA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS (UNBS)

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF COMFORMITY (PVoC) TO STANDARDS PRIOR TO IMPORTATION OF USED VEHICLES INTO UGANDA

Background

Uganda is experiencing an unprecedented influx of imported used vehicles mostly originating from the Middle East, Japan and Europe. Unfortunately some of these vehicles are substandard and in dangerous mechanical conditions that can endanger the public and the environment. In addition, some of the imported vehicles are obtained illegally in the country of origin and shipped to Uganda without following proper procedures. The situation is compounded by the fact that second hand vehicles in most cases produce un-permissible levels of emissions that pollute the environment thereby adversely contributing to climate change. Pursuant of the Import Inspection and Clearance Regulations 2002, UNBS is with effect from 1st November 2009 introducing PVoC for used vehicles destined to Uganda.

Justification of PVoC for used vehicles

To-date, Uganda has not been having any mechanism of determining road worthiness and authenticity of used vehicles imported into the country. PVoC is a vehicle road-worthy inspection Scheme that will focus on detailing the condition, accessories, structural, functional and mechanical integrity of used vehicles destined to Uganda prior to importation. The inspection will be conducted in line with the requirements of the ***Uganda Standard US 845: Code of Practice for Inspection and testing of Used Motor vehicles for road worthiness.*** Certification will then be issued to the vehicles that are appraised as road worthy and a report attesting to the inspection and certification will be given to the importer.

Benefits of PVoC for used vehicles

There are numerous benefits that this scheme brings to the economy in general, purchasers and users of vehicles in particular, namely;

- Value for money in the purchase of used/ second hand vehicles
- Reducing environmental problems associated with exhaust emissions or fumes
- Providing importers especially on-line/internet buyers with professional and independent assessment of a vehicle's overall condition prior to export and assurance that the vehicle ordered is the very one that is finally delivered.
- Reducing incidences of importation of stolen vehicles and prevention of fraud in vehicle importation transactions.

- Increased lifespan and durability of vehicles and reduction in costs associated with operation and maintenance (mechanical and repair) of vehicles.

Inspection Agencies and Commencement of Inspection

Three inspection agencies have been contracted to undertake this assignment which is to **commence on the 1st November 2009**. The companies are;

- M/s Japan Export Vehicle Inspection Center Company Limited (JEVIC) for vehicles originating from Japan, United Kingdom, South Africa, Singapore and countries other than United Arab Emirates (Dubai). Head Office : **4 Daikoku-Futo, Tsurumi-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan 230-0054, Tel: (045) 521-8527, Fax: (045) 521-8510, Website: www.jevic.co.jp, Email: info@jevic.co.jp**, other JEVIC offices include:
 - a) **JEVIC UK: Building 20, Dunsfold Park, Cranleigh, Surrey, United Kingdom GU6 8TB Phone: 01483-276-900 Fax: 01483-273-250 Email: info@jevic.co.uk Webpage: www.jevic.co.uk**
 - b) **JEVIC Singapore: 317 Outram Road #02-34 Holiday Inn Hotel Shopping Ctr Singapore 169075 Tel: +65-673-48239 Fax: +65-673-48236 Email: info@jevic.com.sg Webpage: www.jevic.com.sg**
 - c) **JEVIC South Africa: c/o AVECS CC. 165 Williams Road, Congella, Durban, South Africa 4001 TEL : +27-31-3053247 FAX : +27-31-3053250 Email: inspections@avecs.co.za, www.jevic.com**
- Jabal Kilimanjaro Auto Elect Mechanic and Paints Company for vehicles originating from United Arab Emirates (Dubai). Address **Jabal Kilimanjalo , Industrial Area No. 8, Al Khan Street P. O Box 36107, Telephone: +971 65319361, Fax: +971 0653193, e-mail: Jkilimanjaro_07@yahoo.com**
- East Africa Auto-mobile Services Co. Ltd for cars originating from United Arab Emirates (Dubai). Address East Africa Automobile Service (EAA), **1-20-5-101 Rinkan Yamato-shi Kanagawaken 242-0003 Japan, TEL 046-205-7611, FAX 046-205-7610 E-mail : aaa@kzc.biglobe.ne.jp, Webpage: www.eaa-s.com**

Inspection Fees and Penalties

Fees payable upon inspection will vary depending on country of origin as elaborated:

Japan (USD 145) Singapore (USD 180), United Kingdom (BGP 125), South Africa (R 1685) and Dubai- UAE (USD 125). Used vehicles entering Uganda without an inspection certificate will be subjected to a penalty of 15% CIF value and also subjected to inspection.

Conclusion

This therefore is to notify the public particularly importers, clearing agents, individuals, corporate and on-line purchasers of used vehicles that with effect from 1st November 2009 every used vehicle destined for Uganda must first undergo mandatory inspection and certification at the country of origin before shipment. You are therefore requested to cooperate with the designated inspection agencies for the smooth running of the scheme.

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