

# **OPPORTUNITY IN THE VALUE CHAIN**

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## **CONFORMITY TO STANDARDS**

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KENYA BUREAU OF STANDARDS

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- National standards body
  - Established under standards Act -CAP 496
  - Promotes standardization in commerce & industry:
    - Development of standards
    - Conformity assessment
    - Metrology
    - Control of standardization marks
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# STANDARDS

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- ❑ Benchmark for quality compliance
  - ❑ Basis for acceptance of goods to access the Kenyan market.
  - ❑ Basis for issuance of certification marks
    - Standardization (quality) mark
    - PVoC certificate of conformity
    - Product certification
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# COMMODITY STANDARDS

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- KS 951:2007                      Dry soya beans
  - KS 1169-2:2007                Garden peas
  - KS 694-1:2007                 Raw groundnut
  - KS 2124: 2007                 Cow peas
  - KS 456:2007                  Dry beans
  - Legumes intended for human consumption
  - Specify quality, grading, labeling requirements
  - Limit: moisture content, defects, foreign matter, contaminants, aflatoxin etc
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# FISH STANDARDS

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- KS 1399:1998 part 1-2 Fin Fish
    - Prescribes requirements and methods of test for fresh fin fish (Whole & Fillet)
  
  - Codes of Practice
    - KS 1516:1998 - Code of Hygiene practice - Production and the placing on the market of fishery products
    - Health certificate from a competent authority in country of origin to accompany consignments
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# FISH STANDARDS CONT'D

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## □ Other General specifications:

- KS 522: 1987 parts 1-3: Canned fish
- KS 1399: 2000 parts 1-2: Frozen fish

- Prescribe requirements and methods of test
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# REGISTRATION PROCESSES FOR CONFORMITY

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- Pre-export verification of conformity
    - Verification of imports for Conformity to standards in country of origin
    - Involves information sharing:
      - KRA – KEBS
      - KEBS - PVoC partner (Inspection agent)
      - PVoC partner - KEBS
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# PVoC cont'd

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- ❑ Issuance of Import Declaration Form – KRA
  - ❑ Quality verification by PVoC partner
  - ❑ Issuance of certificate of conformity (CoC) to complying goods
  - ❑ Shipment of consignment with CoC
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# REGISTRATION PROCESSES FOR CONFORMITY (ISM)

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- ❑ Import standardization mark
  - ❑ Applicable to products with impact on health and safety
  - ❑ Mandatory for food
    - Application
    - Submission of CoC
    - Issuance of Mark
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# ISM symbol

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# REGISTRATION PROCESSES FOR CONFORMITY (S mark)

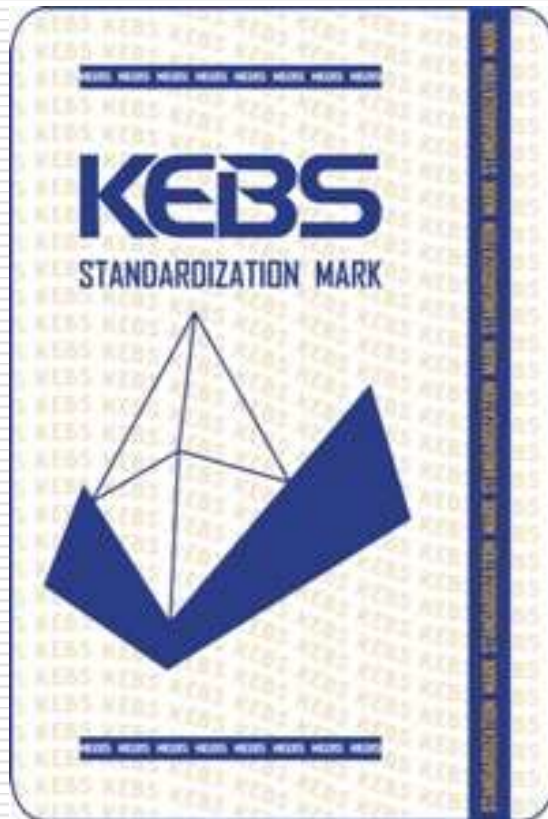
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## □ Standardization mark

- Mark of quality for all local products
  - Issued to manufacturers upon product compliance to standards
  - Application
  - Assessment of process
  - Sampling and testing for conformity
  - Issuance of mark
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# S Mark symbol

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# Product Certification

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- For local and imported products
  - Diamond Mark of quality
    - Application
    - Audit of production system by KEBS
      - Effectiveness of process controls
      - Compliance to quality standards
      - Issuance of permit to use mark
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# Diamond mark symbol

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# ADVANTAGES OF CERTIFICATION

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- ❑ Speeds up release of imports
  - ❑ Improves market access
  - ❑ Promotes competitiveness
  - ❑ Raises level of quality awareness
  - ❑ Provide assurance of product quality
  - ❑ Enhance consumer confidence
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