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## NEWS RELEASE

### **ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 Recertification Transition Deadline only 30 Days Left**

**Nairobi, 15 August 2018**: Today marks the 30 days countdown to the deadline for organizations to complete the transition to the 2015 editions of the quality management system standard (ISO 9001) and the 2004 edition of the environmental management system standard (ISO 14001).

With effect from Sunday 15 September 2018 and in line with the joint communiqué by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) of 1st October 2015, only certification to the 2015 editions of the two standards will be valid and recognized worldwide.

Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) as a full member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and signatory to its Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) exercises oversight over certification activities in Kenya and East Africa. Over the last three years, KENAS has overseen the transition arrangements carried out by its accredited Certifications Bodies namely: SGS (K), Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) and Bureau Veritas (K).

To date, an average of about 62% of all certified organization in Kenya have successfully transitioned leaving about 38% who will lose their Certifications altogether for failing to achieve recertification to the 2015 edition by 14 September 2018. KENAS having fully endorsed the IAF Resolution 2017-13, will thereafter enforce the full implementation of the resolution. That means that all certifications to ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 standards shall expire and stand withdrawn.

Consequently, all certified organizations to these two superseded ISO standards shall be required to fully comply with the prescribed rules and regulations governing the loss of their certification status, which includes undertaking the following actions among others:

- Notify their clients of the loss of their certification;
- Return or destroy the certificate as maybe the case including confirming to the relevant certification body;
- Cease to refer your certification status and any claims thereto;

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- Discontinue the use of any certification marks or logos including in its use corporate stationery, advertising, marketing related materials, websites, social media, and other brandings;

For certified organizations for whom the certification audits have been started or in progress but will not be completed by the deadline, separate conditions govern the restoration of the certification. Please contact your certification body for further details.

Finally, further to the IAF Resolution 2015-14 and Resolution 2016-17, there shall be no non-accredited certification for management systems acceptable in Kenya. It should be noted therefore, that there are three locally accredited Certification Bodies operating in Kenya, namely: SGS Kenya, KEBS, Bureau Veritas Kenya and one foreign certification body recognized on the principle of acceptance of equivalence of accreditation status - the British Standards Institution (BSI).



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