



SECTORS MILESTONES & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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**Building Towards
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ABOUT KAM

Established in 1959, the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) is a representative of manufacturing and value-add industries in Kenya. The Association is front and center in driving fact-based policy advocacy toward the formation of industrial policies to strengthen and support the country's economic development. Through fact-based advocacy, KAM partners with Government and its associated agencies to ensure a dynamic and flourishing manufacturing sector in Kenya, to realize a double-digit contribution to GDP.

In this report, we highlight the significant steps we are making in our advocacy agenda featuring key engagements with stakeholders including but not limited to the National Government, County Governments, Regional trading blocs, and development partners, among others on a monthly basis.

INTRODUCTION



Our
Vision

To be a World-class Business Member Organization (BMO) that effectively delivers services to its members.



Our
Mission

To promote competitive and sustainable local manufacturing.



GOAL

To transform KAM into a sustainable member-focused association delivering relevant, quality, timely and effective services to its members.



PURPOSE

Create prosperity for the nation through industrialization.



**OUR CORE
VALUES**

- **Effectiveness**
- **Good Governance**
- **Innovation**
- **Professionalism**
- **Responsiveness**
- **Teamwork**

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I. FOOD AND BEVERAGE SECTOR

→ KAM engages KEBS on Challenges Facing Industrial Sugar Users



Engagement Details

On 5th March 2024 KAM held a meeting with KEBS to discuss importation challenges faced by users of white (refined) sugar. The challenges discussed included: labelling requirements as per the East African Standard (EAS5) specifications, and delayed sampling and testing of consignments.

Outcome

It was agreed that KEBS will undertake internal consultations on the nomenclature for labelling considering the use of different labels globally for the white (refined) sugar and provide a way-forward on 1st April 2024. Furthermore, KEBS agreed to fast-track clearance of sugar consignments that were delayed and requested KAM to provide quarterly updates of industrial sugar users under the Duty Remission Scheme.

→ Powdered Juice Manufacturers engage KRA on Excise Duty Administration Challenges



Engagement Details

On 19th March 2024, KAM had a meeting with KRA to discuss excise duty administrative challenges that powdered juice manufacturers are facing since the inclusion of powdered juice into the excise duty regime including iTax system challenges and requirement for Excisable Goods Management Systems (EGMS) stamps.

Outcome

It was agreed that:

- KRA will undertake a review of the iTax system to optimize its usability for powdered juice manufacturers.
- Manufacturers are advised to collaborate with the designated contact within the KRA EGMS team for support in addressing any issues.

→ KAM Alcohol Subsector meets with Ministry of Interior, NACADA, KRA and KEBS



Engagement Details

Manufacturers convened with Ministry of Interior officials and regulatory agencies post-directives issued on 6th March 2024, aiming to address the impact on their businesses and seek clarity post-license cancellations amidst efforts to curb illicit alcohol trade and consumption.

Outcome

It was agreed: that

- Manufacturers will undergo vetting for license issuance from 18th March 2024 to 22nd March 2024.
- Ministry officials will provide guidance on the directives following the vetting process.

Upcoming Activities:

- Planned site visits for MSMEs in the Alcohol Subsector to facilitate alternative framework for their regulation.

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2. AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

→ Quarter one Automotive sector meeting



Engagement Details

The Automotive sector conducted its quarter one meeting on 27th March 2024, with attendance from 35 industry players representing the 4 sub-sectors within the Automotive industry. The agenda included discussions on the Status of the Automotive Bill, amendments to Legal Notices 112 and 84, EAC Assembly Regulations, Ks 1515, and other pertinent emerging issues as noted by members of the respective sub-sectors.

Outcome

The meeting resolutions and action items have been disseminated to members via email.

→ The launch of the draft national electric mobility policy



Engagement Details

The Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen through Gazette Notice No. 10132 of 2023, established a task force to develop the National Electric Mobility Policy, Strategy, Legislation, and Regulations.

The task force has developed the Draft Electric Mobility Policy, which was launched on 27th March 2024 at the KICC.

Outcome

The policy aims to promote e-mobility as one of the strategies adopted worldwide to combat Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and resultant climate change. Currently, Kenya's transport sector heavily relies on fossil fuels. This policy was established in alignment with the Paris Climate Agreement of 2015 and Kenya's commitment to reduce emissions by 32% by 2030.

Upcoming Activities:

- A follow up meeting with National Treasury to discuss finalization of the review of LN 112 & 84

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3. PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR

→ Quarter I Pharmaceutical sector meeting held on 12th March 2024

Engagement Details

Outcome



On 12th March 2024, members of the Pharmaceutical sector convened for the Q1 meeting, where the following items were discussed:

1. Membership with Kenya Hazardous Waste Producer Responsible (KEHAPRO) and engagements with NEMA
2. Kenya Drugs Authority Bill, 2022
3. Engagement with the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) regarding the increase in insurance premiums for pharmaceutical firms in Kenya
4. Value-Added Tax (VAT) issues, including refunds and payments to Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA), among other topics.

The meeting resolutions and action points have been sent to members via email for their acknowledgment and necessary follow-up.

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4. LEATHER & FOOTWEAR SECTOR

→ KAM leather and footwear sector engages PS Livestock and PS Cooperatives

Engagement Details

Outcome



On 13th March 2024, KAM represented by the Leather and Footwear Sector, held discussions with Hon. Jonathan Mueke, the Principal Secretary for Livestock Development, and Mr. Patrick Kilemi, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Cooperatives. The focus was on addressing various interventions necessary in the leather value chain. Among the issues discussed were the smuggling of hides, concerns regarding the quality of hides and skins, undervaluation of imported shoes, and the high cost of chemicals used in tanneries.

The following agreements were reached:

- KAM will share data concerning the progress and challenges faced within the leather and footwear sector.
- The State Department will spearhead an assessment of all slaughterhouses nationwide.
- The State Department of Livestock will collaborate with KAM in raising awareness among farmers nationwide regarding the value of hides and skins.

Upcoming Activities:

- Cross sector meeting between chemical and leather sector on chemicals used in the tanneries

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5. PAPER AND PAPER BOARD SECTOR

→ Local sourcing of packaging for pharmaceutical products



Engagement Details

On 22nd March 2024, the paper sector held engagement with the pharmaceutical sector to deliberate on local sourcing of packaging materials for medical products.

Outcome

The Pharmaceutical sector agreed to support local carton manufacturers by purchasing folding cartons used in packaging medicaments locally.

→ National paper verification mission



Engagement Details

The paper verification process began on 15th February 2024, and extended into March, led by Mr. David Rono of the State Department of Industry. The process involved visiting several factories, including Allpack Industries, ASL Packaging, Paper Bags Limited, Carton Manufacturers, East Africa Packaging Industries (EAPI), King Plastic Industries, Carton Experts Limited, Skanem, Tetra Pak, Juja Pulp, Dune Packaging Limited, East African Paper Mills (APM), Silverstar, Olivado, and Rai Paper Mills.

Outcome

The verification exercise will conclude in the first week of April to facilitate the finalization of the report and its dissemination starting from the second week of April. Laboratory tests for the collected samples are scheduled to occur in the first week of April.

→ Tissue Subsector local manufacturing capacity



Engagement Details

On March 20, 2024, the tissue subsector held a meeting to discuss the local capacity for production. The meeting's goal was to develop a subsector standpoint that would help the government adopt fiscal policy decisions.

Outcome

The subsector has decided to consolidate data and create a comprehensive document for use during engagement meetings with governments and other Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs). Currently awaiting the submission of data from members.

Upcoming Activities:

- The National Independent Paper Verification process will continue in the following companies: Dodhia Packaging, Del Monte, Megapack Paper and Board, Other Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) converters and other sampled horticulture players.

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6. TEXTILES AND APPARELS SECTOR

→ EPZ Apparels sub-sector engages the EPZA Board Chairman

Engagement Details



On March 7, 2024, the KAM Export Processing Zone Apparel (EPZA) Sub-sector convened with Mr. Richard K. Cheruiyot, the Chairman of the EPZA board, to address support required for improving the cost and ease of doing business under EPZA management. Issues discussed included EPZA leadership, cost competitiveness, technology and knowledge transfer, and bridging the gap between government policies and practical implementation.

Outcome

It was agreed that:

- EPZA will organize a meeting involving KRA, KAM, and the State Department for Immigration to tackle the proposed rise in work permit costs.
- KAM will present a document outlining sector challenges and proposed solutions for EPZA's consideration.
- The board chairman assured his commitment to offer support.

→ KAM Local Textile and Apparels Sector QI meeting

Engagement Details



The local textiles and apparel sub-sector held QI meeting on 14th March 2024. Members were sensitized on post industrial waste management by Ms. Linet Kiguru from Uptex. The sector to work closely with Uptex in navigating the process of coming up with a Textile and Apparels Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO).

Outcome

- KAM to work with Uptex to develop a template to be used to collect data on waste from textile and apparels sector members.
- Center for Energy Efficiency (CEEC) to conduct assessment tool awareness forum

→ Textile and Apparel Sector's sustainability award mobilization visits

Engagement Details



Members were given an overview of the forthcoming Textile and Apparel Sector Sustainability Award, slated to be introduced during the Energy Management Award (EMA) on 17th May 2024. To prepare for this initiative, KAM organized industry visits across Nairobi, the Coast, and Nakuru regions to raise awareness about sustainability in the textile and apparel sector, and to encourage participation in the upcoming award.

Outcome

It was agreed that:

- KAM will collaborate with Uptex to develop a template for collecting data on waste from textile and apparel sector members.
- The Center for Energy Efficiency (CEEC) will host an awareness forum on the assessment tool.

Upcoming Activities:

- Verification visits by the consultant to textile and apparel sector members participating in the Textile and Apparel Sector Sustainability Award.


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7. CHEMICAL & ALLIED SECTOR


→ **KEBS, PPB, and KAM's special cosmetics commitment**

Engagement Details	Outcome
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	<p>From 18th March to 22nd March 2024, the cosmetics subsector actively participated in the East African Community (EAC) standards harmonization meeting for special cosmetics products held in Kampala.</p>	<p>The EAC TC on special cosmetics harmonized and approved standards for special cosmetics (anti-ageing and sunscreen) to proceed for public review before finalization and publication.</p> <p>Members expected to review and provide any final comments ahead of the editing meeting which will be communicated.</p>
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→ **Paint Subsector engages State Department of Housing for local sourcing initiative**

Engagement Details	Outcome
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	<p>On 6th March 2024, members in the paint subsector engaged with the PS State Department of Housing to review the Bill of Quantities with a view to ensure local sourcing of paints.</p>	<p>The meeting resolved to work with the building and construction sector to develop counter design studio and fast track contractual framework development to ensure local sourcing of paints</p>
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Upcoming Activities:

- Chemical sector meeting for quarter one scheduled for 11th April 2024.
- KAM to engage members for development of counter designs and contractual framework.

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8. METAL AND ALLIED SECTOR

→ KAM meets State Department of Housing on local sourcing for affordable housing project

Engagement Details



On 6th March 2024, KAM's construction sector met with the State Department for Housing and Urban Development's Technical Team to discuss follow-up actions for the affordable housing program, focusing on design studio, contracting framework, E-commerce system for construction materials, and bill of quantities specification review.

Outcome

After thorough discussion, the meeting resolved to expedite action items to enable manufacturers to capitalize on affordable housing opportunities. Key actions include: developing a counter design studio, accelerating the development of contractual frameworks, and KAM spearheading the creation of an E-commerce platform to enhance supply chain visibility.

→ Enhancement of the advisory report on billets

Engagement Details



In 2023, KAM commissioned a consultant to write an advisory paper on billets to assist the government in deciding whether to raise the import duty on billets from 0% to 10%. Although the report was completed, several gaps were identified. KAM is now working with the same consultant to address the identified gaps and incorporate concerns regarding wire rods.

Outcome

It was agreed that the report will be shared with government agencies to aid in decision making.

→KAM Hot Roll Sub Sector held meeting to discuss sub sector approach on its value chain

Engagement Details



On 22nd March 2024, KAM Hot Roll sub sector held a meeting to discuss value chain approach for the sub sector. This was in relation to the proposal to increase import duty on Tariff code 7203.10.00. The value chain analysis excise has in pursuit for the larger Steel sector to help in informing appropriate fiscal policy measure to be taken to support the sector.

Outcome

It was agreed that the existing value chain committee to expedite their process in coming up with draft document for adoption by the sector by Mid-June 2024

Upcoming Activities:


- Finalization of the Advisory Report on Billets
- KEBS TC meeting to discuss public review comments on the draft KS 452: standardization for stainless steel sink for domestic use
- KAM Hot Roll Sub Sector will have a follow-up meeting to discuss the value chain for the sub-sector and discuss the proposal to introduce duty on tariff code 7203.10.00.

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9. TIMBER AND FURNITURE SECTOR

→ **KAM meets State Department of Housing on local sourcing for affordable housing project**

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>On 6th March 2024, members in the paint subsector engaged with the PS State Department of Housing to review the Bill of Quantities with a view to ensure local sourcing of timber and timber products.</p>	<p>The meeting resolved to collaborate with the building and construction sector to establish a counter design studio and expedite the development of contractual frameworks, ensuring the local sourcing of timber and timber products.</p>

→ **B2B engagement on local sourcing of MDF and particle boards**

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>The conflict between board manufacturers and board users was escalated to the Trade and Tax Committee (TTC). The TTC advised that members provide data to allow TTC to convene a meeting and provide a position for the sector.</p>	<p>It was agreed that KAM would circulate a data collection tool to inform the TTC about the resolution of the conflict between board manufacturers and board users.</p>

Upcoming Activities:

- Manufacturers Tree Planting exercise was done on 19th March 2024. Season II of tree planting is set to start in April 2024. Members have been encouraged to enroll and be part of the initiative.

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10. BUILDING, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

→ Construction Sector Engages Technical Team from SDH&UD

Engagement Details

Outcome



On 6th March 2024, KAM construction sector met with the Technical Team from the State Department for Housing and Urban Development to discuss follow up actions on the affordable housing program. The discussions centered on design studio, contracting framework, E-Commerce system for the construction materials and review of the bill of quantities specification.

After an in-depth discussion, the meeting agreed to fast-track the action items to enable manufacturers to benefit from affordable housing opportunities. These actions include: developing a counter design studio, expediting the development of contractual frameworks, and KAM creating an E-commerce platform to enhance visibility across the supply chain circle.

→ Mining and Quarry, Cement sub sectors Engages PS Mining

Engagement Details

Outcome



On 21st March 2024, the KAM Mining and Quarry and Cement sub-sector met with Mr. Elijah Mwangi, the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Mining, to discuss issues affecting the sub-sectors. The discussions centered on mining royalties collection and management, the mineral development levy, mining licenses and permits, challenges with manual processing, double taxation, among others.

It was agreed that;

- Mining royalties will be discussed, including the new rates set to take effect.
- The SDM will share a letter directing county governments not to charge CESS on Quarry and Mining products.
- The SDM will expedite the updating of its online systems to facilitate seamless service provision and reduce cumbersome manual processes.
- The SDM will hold frequent meetings with the sub-sectors to address emerging issues within an appropriate timeframe.

Upcoming Activities:

- The KAM Construction Sector will have a bi-weekly meeting with the State Department for Housing and Urban Development and other government agencies to review the progress made on various actions in ensuring local content policy is achieved.

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II. PLASTIC AND RUBBER SECTOR

→ KAM Plastics & Rubber Sector meets to discuss on NEMA notice to manufacturers

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>On 19th March 2024, the Plastics Sector, Paper and Paper Board, and Cereal Millers Association held a briefing meeting to discuss National Environment Management Authority (NEMA's) response to manufacturers of plastic flat bags, following the consultative roundtable meeting with the Authority in February 2024. The meeting aimed to clarify NEMA's response from the roundtable engagement on 6th February 2024.</p>	<p>The meeting aligned on the development of a strategy on laminates and the need to confirm the production capacities for biodegradables/compostables. Additionally, it was agreed to hold a meeting with CS Industry to confirm the industry readiness and investments in recycling plastics.</p>

→ Plastics and Rubber Sector's engages Nairobi River Commission and PRO's

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>On 6th March 2024 to 13th March 2024, KAM engaged the Nairobi River Commission, KEPRO, HAPROK, and PAKPRO in cleaning up various hotspots identified by NEMA and issued restoration notices to manufacturers. The Association continues to support manufacturers in complying with and implementing Section 13 of the Sustainable Waste Management Act.</p>	<p>On 27th March 2024, Authority undertook an inspection of the cleaned-up areas with the PROs to take stock of the progress made and appreciated manufacturers' commitment to implementing extended producer responsibility initiatives.</p>

Upcoming Activities:

- KAM to convene a meeting with CS MITI and the Plastics & rubber industry to discuss on the continued banning of plastics materials and increased compliance on extended producer responsibility.
- KAM will undertake an industry-wide survey on laminates for importers and users to inform the development of the strategy in the management of laminates, alternatives, and phase-out, in line with the recommendations from NEMA.

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12. SALT SUBSECTOR

→ Salt Sub-sector pays courtesy call to CECM of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Kilifi County Government

Engagement Details

Outcome



On March 7th, 2024, KAM's salt sub-sector members paid a courtesy call to Kilifi County's CECM of Environment, Water, and Natural Resources. The meeting addressed the ongoing court case regarding charges for sea water used in salt making by the Water Resources Authority (WRA). The Court of Appeal ruled that Salt Companies must pay for the sea water used. The sector sought the County's support and requested Kilifi County to join as an interested party in their notice of appeal filed at the Supreme Court.

It was agreed that the County CECM of Environment, Water, and Natural Resources would ensure county support to prevent the closure of the salt industry. He agreed to organize a meeting between the salt sub-sector, the County's top leadership, and the County Attorney to deliberate and agree on county support.

→ Salt Sub sector engagement meeting with the area chiefs and Sub chiefs Gongoni

Engagement Details

Outcome



On 6th March 2024, KAM's Salt sub-sector engaged with the Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, and Assistant County Commissioner's Office at Gongoni. The meeting informed the administrators of the court of appeal ruling, which mandates salt companies to pay for the sea water used in salt production. Additionally, the meeting requested the administrators to mobilize the community to file a public litigation or petition to support the salt companies.

It was agreed that every Sub Chief, with assistance from the Chiefs, would mobilize the community for a community Baraza to inform them about the ruling's impact and the importance of signing petitions to support the salt company's case at the Supreme Court. Six community forums were planned, and the salt company was requested to provide logistical support during the community awareness forums.

→ Salt Subsector pays courtesy call to CECM, Trade - Kilifi County

Engagement Details

Outcome



On 7th March 2024 the KAM Salt Subsector met with Hon. Clara N. Chonga, Kilifi County CEC for Trade, Tourism, and Cooperative Development. The discussion centered on the recent court ruling requiring companies to pay for sea water used in salt production. The Subsector highlighted that this ruling poses a significant hindrance to business, as it will make locally harvested salt in Kenya extremely expensive, endangering the growth of the salt industry.

It was agreed that:

- The CECM would engage the County top leadership on behalf of the sector to seek their support on the matter.
- KAM would write to the Kilifi County attorney, requesting the County's legal support at the Supreme Court by joining the case as an interested party.

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→ Salt sub sector members held a meeting with the legal consultant on sea water charges

Engagement Details

Outcome



On 8th March 2024, Salt Subsector members met with legal consultants at KAM board room two to discuss the outcome of the court of appeal ruling on Civil Appeal No. 252 of 2018, Krystalline Salt Limited versus the Water Resource and Management Authority. The company was ordered to pay Kshs 185,500,000 plus interest on the arrears at a rate of 2% per month from 1st October, 2013, until the amount is paid in full.

It was agreed that:

- All salt companies would join the appeal case initiated by Krystalline Salt at the Court of Appeal.
- KAM would be enjoined in the appeal case as an interested party on behalf of its members.
- All Salt Subsector members would write to KAM expressing their decision to join Krystalline Salt Company at the Supreme Court.

→ Salt Subsector holds community leaders sensitization meeting at Kibaoni

Engagement Details

Outcome



On 12th March 2024, the Salt Sub-sector held a community leaders' sensitization meeting at Kibaoni. The meeting, organized by the area chief, brought together community leaders within the area and sensitized them on the impact of the court of appeal ruling, which ordered salt companies to pay for the sea water used in making salt.

The community leaders agreed to support the salt companies in all possible ways to prevent the closure of the salt companies. It was also agreed that opinion leaders will mobilize the community members to sign petitions to be joined in the appeal case at the Supreme Court in support of the salt companies.

→ Salt Sub-sector members holds QI 2024 meeting

Engagement Details

Outcome



On 14th March 2024, members of the salt sub-sector convened for their QI meeting. During the session, sector members discussed and received updates on sector issues as outlined in the sector matrix. Additionally, they addressed the recent court of appeal ruling regarding charges for sea water.

It was agreed that:

- The legal consultant will follow up on sector cases in court and provide updates to the sector.
- The lawyer will share court proceedings with the members.
- All members will join the Krystalline Salt case of appeal at the Supreme Court.
- KAM will write to various ministries to intervene with the Ministry of Water on behalf of the salt sub-sector.

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→ Salt Sub-sector holds a stakeholder’s engagement meeting at Gongoni CDF Hall



Engagement Details

On 18th March 2024, the salt sub-sector team held a stakeholders' meeting at Gongoni CDF hall. The meeting, chaired by the Magarini Sub County DCC and the Magarini Member of Parliament (MP), brought together various government agencies and community representatives to discuss the report of a land survey carried out along Krystalline Salt Marereni area. The meeting reviewed the findings of the survey and discussed the next steps.

Outcome

It was agreed that:

- A community engagement will be held with the affected squatters to share the report findings and agree on a way forward.
- The company will consult internally and inform the leaders of their plans regarding the identified squatters.

Upcoming Activities:

- The salt sub sector will be meeting with the leadership of Kilifi County Assembly to present the matter of the sea water charges by WRA and request for their support. The date of the meeting will be communicated.

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13. ENERGY, ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS SECTOR

→ KAM Convened the Sector Quarterly Meeting



Engagement Details

On 19th March 2024, the KAM Energy ,Electrical & Electronics Sector held a quarterly meeting to discuss on the sector updates and areas of focus for policy and advocacy. Among the key areas of focus are finalization of electronic regulations, admission of toll blenders/contract manufacturers ,sensitization of members on extended producer responsibility by NEMA.

Outcome

The meeting noted the priority areas as follows:

- Finalization of the electronics regulations.
- Sensitization of the sector members on extended producer responsibility with NEMA for electronics and petroleum, oil & gas.

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→ Cable Manufacturers engaged with PS Housing



Engagement Details

On 6th March 2024, KAM cable manufacturers sub-sector met with the Technical Team from the State Department for Housing and Urban Development to discuss follow up actions on the affordable housing program.

Outcome

It was agreed that, following an in-depth discussion, the meeting would fast-track the action items to enable manufacturers to benefit from the affordable housing opportunities.

→ KAM Engages the duty remission committee on toll blenders/contract manufacturers



Engagement Details

On 21st March 2024, KAM engaged the Duty Remission Committee, comprising representatives from the Ministry of Industry, Treasury, and KRA, regarding the admission of toll blenders/contract manufacturers in the lubricants industry to import base oils under the Duty Remission scheme. The committee agreed that not allowing toll blending was disadvantaging Kenya compared to its EAC partner states.

Outcome

It was agreed that the committee would allow the inclusion of toll blenders/contract manufacturers in the Duty Remission Scheme to import base oils for lubricants manufacturing. Toll blenders/contract manufacturers are encouraged to apply for DRS.

→ Meetings to discussion duty remission for toll blenders/contract manufacturers



Engagement Details

On 25th March 2024 the petroleum, oil and gas sub-sector held a meeting to discuss the duty remission on base oils for toll blenders/ contract manufacturing. The discussions focused on duty remission for base oils used in the manufacture of lubricants.

Outcome

It was agreed that the discussions confirmed the need to include toll blenders/contract manufacturers in blending lubricants. The industry's priority focus will be on duty remission for additives and curbing increased malpractices in the lubricants industry.

Upcoming Activities:

- Tripartite meeting with PS Industry, KEBS, KETRA and ACA to discuss on sub-sector policy issues.
- Meeting with PS industry to discuss on the developed 1st draft of the electronics regulations.
- Sensitization on extended producer responsibility of the Energy, electrical & electronics sector by NEMA.

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