

# KAM SECTORS MILESTONES AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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### **ABBREVIATIONS**

PS Principal Secretary

CMA Cereal Millers Association

NBA National Biosafety Authority

WTO World Trade Organization

KSB Kenya Sugar Board

EAC East African Community
CET Common External Tariff

FAEA Food and Agriculture Export Alliance

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

MSME Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

NOCD Nuts and Oil Crops Directorate

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

WTO World Trade Organization KRA Kenya Revenue Authority

NGEC National Gender & Equality Commission

SWMA Sustainable Waste Management Act

KEBS Kenya Bureau of Standards

UNECA United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

NT National Treasury
NTBs Non-Tariff Barriers

MEACA Ministry of East Africa Community and Affairs
KEPRO Kenya Producers Responsibility Organization

DRS Duty Remission Scheme

NEMA National Environmental Management Authority

JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency

SDI State Department for Industry

MECCF Ministry of Environment Climate Change & Forestry

MFA Ministry of Foreign AffairsMDF Medium Density FiberboardPET Polyethylene Terephthalate

AfCFTA Africa Continental Free Trade Area
TFTA Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement

COSSPP Cost of Service Study in the supply of Petroleum Products

EPZA Export Processing Zone Authority



### **FOOD & BEVERAGE SECTOR**

### → Biscuits Sub-sector Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

The Biscuits Sub-Sector met on 26th<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to discuss emerging industry issues. Key issues discussed during the meeting include concerns pertaining to the SM requirement following the gazettement of EAS 781:2024 which is the new Biscuits - Specification (Second edition).1. The new Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for biscuits intended for human consumption. It was noted that the standard has introduced types and categories of biscuits as follows:1

. Type of biscuits: Plain, Filled, Coated, Cream 2. Category of biscuits: Crackers & Wafers.

### **Outcome**

- I.KAM to share a link for the technical committee membership application
- 2. Members to bring to the attention of KAM any challenges faced with SM permit renewals
- 3. KAM to convene a sensitization forum with KEBS in case of any challenges
- 4. Sub-sector Lead to convene follow-up meeting

### → Dairy Sub-sector Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the Sub-sector members met to discuss the following key issues:

### Fiscal & Regulatory Challenges

- Fruit Pulp Imports: High costs due to permits/levies on imports from COMESA (despite duty-free status) are burdening manufacturers.
- Antibiotic Testing Kits: High duties on these kits are compromising milk safety by making quality assurance unaffordable.

### **EPR Regulations**

• Concerns over unclear fees for imported packaging (undefined "item" classification).

### **Outcome**

I. Members to submit budget proposals on fruit pulps and antibiotic testing kits for the next budget cycle

2.KAM and Dairy Sub-sector leadership to convene a physical meeting with dairy processors to strengthen sector participation under KAM

3.KAM to circulate questionnaire to members for review and consideration ahead of the next meeting

4. Bio Foods to support in convening sensitization forum for sector players on EPR Regulations

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### **AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR**

### →Bus Body Building Sub-sector Members QI Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025, the Bus Body Building Sub-sector members held a meeting and the following key issues were discussed: New leadership vision for the sub sector, 2025 Proposed New Rules for School Buses, Compliance with KS372 Standards & key industry Policy updates:

- Legal Notice 84 (LN 84)
- Automotive Bill 2023
- KS 1515 Standard- Commercial Vehicles Standard (KS 1515:2019.
- EAC Assembly and Manufacturing Regulations 2023

### **Outcome**

- I.Glass Importation Issues: Engage with KRA to resolve classification and excise duty concerns.
- 2. Steel Importation: Analyze steel availability and import duties; present findings at the next meeting.
- 3. School Bus Regulations: Share new regulations with body builders to ensure compliance.
- 4. Accident Statistics Report: Prepare a report on bus and van accident statistics for NTSA.

### →E-Mobility Sub-sector Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

The E-Mobility Sub-Sector members met on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to discuss various issues affecting the sector, including:

- Industry performance from January to March
- Alleged special incentives to select companies
- Emerging policy and legislative issues
- · Incentives for local manufacturing
- Industry priority issues for 2025 the issues were classified into three; medium, high and low priority.

### **Outcome**

- Submit HS code proposals for e-bikes
- Organize government meetings (MITI/KRA)
- Share Draft Automotive Bill
- EPR awareness & safety campaigns
- Feedback on the Excise Duty Bill
- KAM to engage KRA to clarify special tax exemptions to select companies

### →E-Mobility Sub-sector Meeting with Kenya Investment Authority



### **Engagement Details**

The E-mobility sector and Kenya Investment Authority (Kenlnvest) held a consultative roundtable on the Automotive and E-Mobility sector, bringing together key industry stakeholders committed to accelerating the sector's growth and performance.

The meeting discussed regulatory gaps and investment opportunities in the sector

### **Outcome**

- I. Development of a comprehensive sector investment strategy pack highlighting market potential, challenges, and investment opportunities.
- 2. Identification of high-impact initiatives to drive investment promotion and sector growth.
- 3. Recognition of regulatory barriers and the need to support advocacy efforts aimed at creating an enabling business environment for the sector.
- 4. Exploration of capital structuring strategies supporting sector growth objectives.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

I. Meeting with EMAK and KAM E-Mobility Sub-sector to develop pitch deck

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### PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR

### → QI Pharmaceutical Sector Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

On 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the Sector held its Q1 meeting and the following were key issues discussed:

- I. Status of Public Procurement Amendment Bill
- 2. Status of the Kenya Health Products and Technologies Regulatory Authority
- 3. Status of Strategic Goods Control Bill 2024
- 4. Insurance premiums increase for pharmaceutical firms in Kenya
- 5. Excise duty and VAT refunds
- 6. Status of KEMSA payments
- 7. Status of local supply of paper packaging material and PPB challenges

### Outcome

- I.KAM to set up a meeting with the Ministry of EAC and Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI) to discuss status of the pharmaceutical sector split post the last SCTIFI meeting held in November/December
- Conduct a survey to assess the status of VAT and excise duty refunds among members
- 3.KAM to arrange a special meeting to discuss EPR regulations compliance in line with HAPROK requirements

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### **TEXTILES & APPARELS SECTOR**

### → EPZ Apparel Sub-Sector Holds QI Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

The EPZ Apparel Sub-sector held its sector meeting on 6th March 2025 at New Wide Apparel EPZ. The agenda focused on the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) which is set to expire in September 2025. Sector leaders have established a Think Tank to spearhead advocacy efforts for the extension of AGOA.

Stakeholders were urged to engage their international buyers to support the advocacy initiative, particularly by demonstrating how AGOA aligns with and supports the "America First" policy.

During the meeting, Mr. Pankaj Bedi and Mr. Thomas Pthoor were re-elected as Sector Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

### **Outcome**

KAM to share a report prepared by the sector Think Tank to all members.

### → National Textiles Independent Verification Exercise Kicks Off



### **Engagement Details**

The National Independent Textiles Verification Exercise, comprising textile experts and representatives from KRA, KEBS, MITI, KEPSA, and the KAM Secretariat, has kicked off.

In preparation for this exercise, KAM circulated a questionnaire to all sector members for completion. The verification visits will cover key textile manufacturing regions including Mombasa, Nakuru, Eldoret, Central, and Nairobi.

The findings from this exercise will inform the development of a comprehensive report with policy recommendations aimed at strengthening and enhancing the competitiveness of Kenya's textile sector.

### **Outcome**

- I.Members to continue making contributions for the exercise as per the shared invoices
- 2. All textile sector members are required to fill in the KAM-issued questionnaire accurately.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

I.KAM will draft a letter to the Cabinet Secretary MITI, requesting his intervention on the matter and seeking a meeting with the sector to discuss the concerns.

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### **LEATHER & FOOTWEAR SECTOR**

### → Leather Sector Engagement with KenInvest & Equity Bank

### **Engagement Details**

On 3rd March 2025, members of the Leather Sector participated in a stakeholder meeting organized by Kenlnvest and Equity Bank to deliberate on challenges facing the industry. The meeting was attended by key stakeholders, including Equity Managing Director Dr. James Mwangi, PS Livestock and PS Industry. During the meeting, Equity Group committed to supporting the sector through tailored financial solutions, and manufacturers were encouraged to formally submit their financing needs to the bank for consideration. The engagement marked a significant step toward unlocking investment opportunities and addressing sector bottlenecks through strategic partnerships.

### **Outcome**

Leather & Footwear Sector Q1 Meeting to be held in April 2025

### **Upcoming Activities:**

I. Leather & Footwear Sector Q1 Meeting to be held in April 2025. Date and time to be communicated.

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### **BUILDING, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR**

### →Engagement with State Department for Industry



### **Engagement Details**

On 18th March 2025, the stone-coated roofing tiles industry engaged the State Department for Industry to discuss challenges facing the industry and come up with a way forward.

Some of the areas of discussion include: having an EAC-wide DRS for inputs to manufacture stone-coated roofing tiles; potential misuse of DRS; validation of capacities available in the sector, and have verification to guide the tariff split on AZ steel coil, among others.

### **Outcome**

Conduct a verification exercise to ascertain the capacities and potential split on tariff line 7210.61.00

The Ministry of Investments, Trade & Industry to support the proposal for an EAC wide DRS on stone coated roofing tiles inputs.

### →Building, Mining and Construction Sector QI Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

On 26th March 2025, the Building, Mining and Construction Sector held the quarter one sector meeting to discuss various issues affecting the sector and, in addition, come up with the priority advocacy areas for the sector.

Some of the key areas of discussion include reviving the discussion on affordable housing, having a sensitization workshop on the mining regulations and delineation of national and county government functions, support on the export markets, among others.

### **Outcome**

Engage relevant government agencies to address the issues raised.

Come up with a matrix of issues for the year.

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### **PLASTICS AND RUBBER SECTOR**

### → Flexible Packaging Sub-sector meeting



### **Engagement Details**

On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the Flexible Packaging Sub-sector held its Quarter one meeting to discuss the Sub-sector's outlook and priority areas for the industry. Members emphasized the need to hold a meeting with NEMA to discuss on the implementation of EPR Regulations and Plastic Packaging regulations.

Manufacturers also expressed concerns on the unit of measure to be charged per item. KAM Secretariat briefed members on excise duty discussions for articles of plastics & inks.

### **Outcome**

KAM to convene a meeting with NEMA, State Department for Industry, State Department of Environment and KRA to discuss on the implementation of EPR, specifically charging the Ksh I 50 per item.

### → Engagement with Kenya Invest Authority



### **Engagement Details**

On 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 KAM Secretariat engaged Kenlnvest and private sector stakeholders in the circular economy space to discuss EPR implementation challenges. Members noted the need to clarify the unit of measure to be applied in levying the Ksh 150 per item.

It was noted that there is a need for the government to involve manufacturers and private sector stakeholders in determining the unit of measure and provide a list of materials charged.

### **Outcome**

KenInvest requested private sector stakeholders to review their proposals and develop a business case for Government.

### → Plastics & Rubber Sector QI Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

On 27<sup>th</sup> March the Plastics & Rubber Sector held its quarterly meeting to discuss the sector outlook and status of issues for tracking. Key areas of priority for the sector include: addressing EPR implementation challenges; plastics packaging regulations; introduction of excise duty for printing inks, articles of plastics and resins used in manufacturing.

Members noted that the introduction of excise duty has increased the cost of finished products and making locally manufactured goods uncompetitive in the Kenyan market.

### **Outcome**

- I.Members requested for a follow-up meeting with SDI, NEMA, KRA and KENTRADE to discuss on the unit of measure charged on products as per the EPR Regulations.
- 2.KAM to convene a meeting with NEMA to discuss the challenges with implementation of EPR and Plastics Regulations.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- I. Meeting on woven & Non-woven workshop on KNWA 2884:2019: Non-woven Polypropylene bags standard to be held in April 2025.
- 2. Meeting with SDI, KRA, KENTRADE and NEMA to discuss implementation of gazetted EPR regulations in April 2025.
- 3. Meeting with NEMA to discuss challenges on the implementation of gazetted Plastics regulations in April 2025

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### **METAL AND ALLIED SECTOR**

### → Metal and Allied Sector QI Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

On 20th March 2025, KAM Metal and Allied Sector held a quarter-one meeting to discuss sector-related issues and develop strategies and a matrix for the year.

Some of the notable items discussed are substandard items concerns, high cost of production, access to raw materials among others.

### **Outcome**

- I.Sub-Sectors to be more progressive and have regular meetings to address emerging issues
- 2. Secretariat to come up with the matrix of issues discussed.

### →KEBS Workshop on Flat Products Sub Sector



### **Engagement Details**

On 26th March 2025, the Flat Products Sub-Sector participated in a KEBS Stakeholders' engagement workshop to address concerns about the quality of pre-painted steel coils/sheets in the Kenyan market and develop a framework to address them.

The meeting had participation from the manufacturing sector, importers and suppliers, building contractors and professionals, and the Competition Authority of Kenya.

### Outcome

- I.For those found violating KEBS standards, their license will be suspended.
- 2. Enforcement of standards will be done at the producer level and at the imported level.
- 3.KEBS will publish the names of violators in print media and explore prosecution.
- 4. The industry to continue providing intelligence on the existence of substandard products.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

1. Hot Roll Sub Sector meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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### **SALT SUB-SECTOR**

### → Meeting With Tarsha Assistant County Commissioner



### **Engagement Details**

On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, KAM accompanied by Kensalt representative paid a courtesy call visit to Tarsha Division Assistant County Commissioner, Mr. Fredrick Mwirigi.

The meeting introduced the sector CSR structures to the Tarsha Division and planned on Community engagements to introduce the structure to the community.

The Assistant County Commissioner welcomed the initiative into his area and agreed to plan for a community baraza to introduce it and select CSR representatives for the area

### **Outcome**

- I. The meeting agreed on the date for the community Baraza to introduce the CSR model to the community and select CSR community representatives.
- 2. The meeting also agreed to plan for squatter engagement forums to address the issue of squatters occupying Kensalt Kanagoni land.

### → Meeting with Magarini Sub-County Police Commander



### **Engagement Details**

On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025, KAM joined Krystaline Salt Company for a meeting with Magarini Sub-County Police Commander.

The meeting focused on the withdrawal of police patrol and other security matters affecting the Company. It also highlighted measures that required to be put in place to beef up security within the company and along the salt belt area.

### Outcome

- I. The meeting highlighted a number of security measures that required to be put in place to beef up security.
- 2. The meeting also highlighted a number of procedures for police patrol request.

### The Launch of the Magarini Mangrove participatory Management Plan



On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 KAM participated in the launch of the Magarini Mangrove Management plan and the signing of the Community Forest agreement.

The Launch was presided over by the Coast Region Forest Conservator Mr. James Mburu and attended by KFS officers and Magarini CFA members among other stakeholders.

### Outcome

- I. The Magarini Mangrove participatory plan that governs the utilization, management and conservation of the mangrove areas was launched and copies distributed.
- 2.A community Forest agreement was also signed between the Magarini CFA and Kenya Forest Service to guide the community activities along the mangrove areas.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Gongoni.
- Field.

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### **SALT SUB-SECTOR**

### → Multi Agency team meeting and visit to the salt works



### **Engagement Details**

On 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 a multi-agency team held a meeting with the salt sub sector and later visited the salt works.

The multi-agency team composed of both County and National government agencies . The team also held a meeting with the salt sub-sector members, led by KAM CEO Mr. Tobias Alando to discuss and address the major challenges affecting the sector's competitiveness. The team also visited Krystalline Salt and Kensalt to understand more on the salt making process and ways to address the sector challenges.

### **Outcome**

The meeting agreed to come up with action areas for various government ministries that will be followed up to address some of the challenges affecting the Industry.

The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment to organize a meeting with other government ministries who are regulating the salt industry to deliberate and streamline on the multiple taxes affecting the industry

### Community Baraza at Hulala, Tana Delta



### **Engagement Details**

On 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 KAM joined Kensalt for a community engagement forum at Hulala. The Community forum was organized by Tana Delta/Tarsha Assistant County Commissioner Mr. Mwirigi together with Kipini Ward Administrator, Nuru Mohamed.. The meeting emphasized on the benefits of supporting Kensalt Kanagoni by including community representatives to the already existing CSR structure to coordinate community project requests.

### **Outcome**

The meeting introduced the salt sub sector CSR structure, and four community representatives were selected by the community to represent the catchment area to the structure.

Land issues and squatter matters on Kensalt Kanagoni land were also addressed.

### Salt sub sector engagement meeting with Community opinion leaders



On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 KAM and Krystalline salt met community opinion leaders on the sea water charge by Water Resources Authority (WRA).

The meeting was to update the community opinion leaders on the mention of the petition against WRA and the status of sea water charge by WRA cases against salt companies.

### **Outcome**

The leaders were updated on the mention of the community petition and the date for the next hearing.

The community leaders planned on the next actions for the leaders to undertake in seeking support from the political leaders to avoid the sea water charge by WRA including the MCAs, MPs and the Governor.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Gongoni.
- Field.

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### **SALT SUB-SECTOR**

## → KAM Salt sub sector meeting with the PS Water Sanitation and Irrigation Engagement Details Outcome



On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 KAM held a meeting between the salt sub sector members with the Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation.

The meeting was Chaired by Mr. Julius Korir, Principal Secretary State Department for Water and Sanitation and KAM CEO Mr. Tobias Alando, to explore areas of collaboration aimed at driving the competitiveness of the salt sector. Also present were members of the salt sub-sector. The meeting discussed several issues, including the complexities involved in salt extraction from sea water and Seawater Levy

The meeting discussed several issues several issues, including the complexities involved in salt extraction from water and the current framework surrounding water use charges. Of particular concern were the Seawater Levy

The meeting agreed to form a collaborative working group to drive these initiatives forward. This group will focus on addressing the challenges identified and advancing strategies to enhance the sector's competitiveness and sustainability.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Courtesy call visit to Kilifi County CECM of finance on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Site visit to Mangrovr areas with CFA members for verification on allegations of brine discharge
- Corporate Social Responsibility members feedback meeting
- · Community opinion leaders meeting

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### **ENERGY, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS SECTOR**

### → Transformer manufacturers Sub-sector meeting on Excise Duty



### **Engagement Details**

18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 transformer manufacturers held a meeting to discuss on the Excise Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2025 removal of 25% excise duty on imported transformers and parts for tariffs.

Manufacturers raised concerns on the increased importation and supply of transformers to government agencies which is against the government principles under the Buy Kenya Build Kenya. The sector recommended that local manufacturers be considered in energy infrastructure projects.

### Outcome

Members objected the removal of excise duty on imported fully assembled electric transformers and proposed the removal of excise duty on parts to spur the growth of the industry.

Further, manufacturers proposed for multistakeholders meeting with PS Energy and utility firms to discuss local sourcing for transformers and the investment within the industry.

### → State of the Petroleum Industry QI Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

On 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 KAM Petroleum, Oil, Gas & lubricants sub-sector engaged the Cabinet Secretary MITI Lee Kinyanjui, EPRA and State Department for Petroleum for the state of the petroleum industry quarter one meeting. Members expressed the need to fast track regulations at the Attorney General's office, increased counterfeit and illicit trade and VAT refunds as the key challenges that continue to hamper the growth of the industry.

The industry proposed for a revert to preshipment inspection as one of the approaches to mitigate impact of increased sub-standards.

### Outcome

CS MITI committed to work with the industry in ensuring the issues on VAT refunds are resolved and engagement with KEBS to discuss on the pre-shipment vs destination inspection.

### → Energy ,Electrical & Electronics Sector QI Meeting



### **Engagement Details**

On 27th March 2025, Energy, Electrical & KAM to convene meetings with the relevant Electronics Sector held a quarterly meeting to government MDAs to discuss and address discuss on the sector priority issues and members concerns. develop strategies and a matrix for the year. Key notable items discussed are increased KAM to develop ToRs for undertaking a trade and importation of substandard verification for the Petroleum industry. products, counterfeiting and illicit trade, high cost of production, finalization of electronics regulations, undertaking a verification for the petroleum industry, excise duty transformers among others.

### Outcome

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- KRA meeting on white oil tariff classification on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
- ACA meeting for cable manufacturers submission of counterfeit samples on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Meeting with State Department for energy to discuss on local sourcing on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

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### PAPER AND PAPER BOARD SECTOR

### → Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on Substandard Tissue

### **Engagement Details**

On 13<sup>th</sup> February, KAM convened a multistakeholder meeting comprising of with KEBS, KRA and ACA to discuss the influx of substandard tissue in the market.

Samples of suspect products were presented and ACA agreed to take immediate steps to stop the sell of these products.

### **Outcome**

A follow up meeting to be held on 10th<sup>th</sup> April to assess the progress made by each agency and the findings thereof.

### → Data on Local sourcing of packaging materials by the Pharmaceutical Sector



### **Engagement Details**

The Pharmaceutical Sector held a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025. During the meeting it was noted that local sourcing of packaging material was still a challenge. The sector sought to initiate steps towards enhancing local sourcing of packaging materials without hindering local manufacturing of pharmaceutical products.

### **Outcome**

The paper sector to submit data on the status of local sourcing of packaging materials by the pharmaceutical sector. This will inform a joint meeting and next steps on applicable taxes and duties on packaging materials.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Multi-stakeholder meeting to be held with tissue subsector to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
- Q2 paper sector meeting is proposed on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025. Sector members are reminded to prioritize sector participation.

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### **CHEMICAL AND ALLIED SECTOR**

### → EAC Harmonization of Cosmetics Standards

### **Engagement Details**

KAM represented the cosmetics sector during the EAC harmonization meeting of cosmetics standards from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Harmonized standards included deodorants, antiperspirants, skin powders, cocoa butter oil, ground nut oil, and avocado

### **Outcome**

The standards were harmonized and Kenya's position was adopted. Oils, and eye pencil standards were approved for public enquiry while skin powders were approved to proceed for editing stage.

Anti-perspirants and deodorants were recommended for further national consultation to align limits for volatile matter.

### RAFT EAST AFRICAN STANDARD

antiperspirants - Specification

### → Foam and Mattress Subsector Meeting

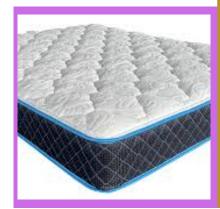
### **Engagement Details**

meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The meeting paper discussed various issues affecting local manufacturers, which included high duty on imported raw materials that are not locally available.

The meeting also discussed mattress standards published at EAC.

### **Outcome**

The Foam and Mattress Sub-sector held a The sector resolved that a strong position be developed performance of the sector. The paper to be used during engagement with Government proposing duty remission on raw materials and removal of duty exemptions on finished



### **Upcoming Activities:**

Quarter two sector meeting proposed for 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, details of the meeting will be communicated.

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