



## **JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ BETWEEN KENYA PORTS AUTHORITY (KPA) AND KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY (KRA) ON MEASURES TO ENHANCE EFFICIENCY AT THE PORT OF MOMBASA**

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Venue:** KPA Headquarters, Mombasa

The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), in recognition of their shared mandate to facilitate trade, ensure efficient cargo clearance, promote competitiveness of the Port of Mombasa and associated logistics corridors today signed a joint communique to enhance port efficiency.

Following the meeting chaired by the Executive Office of the President, Council of economic advisors at the KPA Headquarters, in the presence of Port Stakeholders (KEBS, KR, KEPHIS, KSAA, SCEA, KIFWA, KTA, CFSA and CMA), the agreed areas for immediate collaboration and interventions are as follows:

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1. Transfer of Long Stay Containerized cargo

All long stay containerized cargo at the Port will be transferred to customs licensed peripheral facilities as follows:

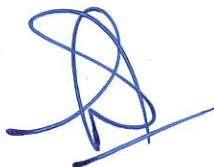
- i. Containerized Cargo destined for Mombasa will be transferred to CFSs for final clearance.
- ii. Containerized Cargo destined for Nairobi and other upcountry destinations will be railed to the Nairobi ICD for customers to undertake clearance processes.
- iii. Containerized cargo destined for Uganda will be transferred to Naivasha Inland Container Depot (NICD) for customers to undertake clearance processes.

2. In a bid to encourage evacuation of containerized cargo, KPA and KRA will waive 100% of accrued storage and warehouse rent for long stay cargo upon lodgement of waiver application by the affected customers for a period of 30 days. Considering the prevailing circumstance, the shipping lines are directed to waive container detention and accrued demurrage charges for the exercise to be successful. All primary port charges, rail freight charges, shipping line fees and statutory taxes remain payable.

3. KRA to determine all cargo qualifying for auction and sustain gazettelement of the consignments for importers to clear, failure to which, the cargo shall be auctioned.

4. Approved cargo for destruction will be transferred to licensed cargo destruction sites.

5. All cargo going through SCT regime will be exempted from RECTS e-seals arming processes, save for specified exclusion based on risk assessment. These are



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consignments where relevant taxes have already been paid to various Partner States in the EAC.

6. All vessels with transshipment cargo are encouraged to call at the Port of Lamu to take advantage of the higher capacity. To promote this, KRA will facilitate the use of supplementary manifest at no extra charge.
7. In an effort to reduce truck turn-around time, all CFS bound containers once scanned will be transferred to respective CFSs and the cargo image analysis and iScan message will be sent thereafter. In addition, KRA will carry out risk-based scanning for transit cargo.
8. To improve traffic fluidity at the Port
  - i. KR will provide shunting schedules. Similarly, Port police, KPA and KR will put measures to ensure that the intersections are free of any obstructions from either trucks or rail wagons.
  - ii. KRA will immediately geofence Gate 24 to allow exit of transit cargo. All cargo armed with RECTS e-seals will be able to use Gate 24 to exit the Port in addition to other gates already in use, namely Gate 18 and 20.
9. To facilitate 24/7 operations at the Port, all cargo intervenors shall harmonize their working hours and management of shifts to ensure seamless processing of cargo consignments.
10. All domestic containerized cargo for Port clearance not cleared within the allowed storage free period of 5 days, will be moved to CFSs.



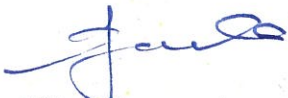
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Importers are encouraged to nominate a CFS of their choice failure to which KPA will nominate the consignments to any of the CFSs in the vicinity of the Port.

11. All container interventions by PGAs will be undertaken outside the Port in alignment with government directive on multiagency interventions where all interventions are resolved within 5 days.
12. KRA will implement the Pre-Arrival Processing (PAP) of cargo.
13. In the medium term, the Government has put in place measures to align all policy actions and system digitilisation initiatives to provide long term port efficiency to ensure the Port of Mombasa remains the Region's preferred port of choice.



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