

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EASYPASS PROGRAMME

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL IMPORTERS

Ghana Standards Authority wishes to inform all importers and the general public that it will start implementing the **EasyPASS** Programme for selected products imported into Ghana from May 1st, 2018. This programme, **which is voluntary**, implies the presentation of the **EasyPASS Certificate** for fast track customs clearance of imported goods, except products regulated by the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), from May 1st, 2018.

The **EasyPASS** programme is a facilitation scheme where conformity of regulated imported products is verified before export to Ghana. This process is aimed at ensuring that products imported into the Ghanaian market are of the required quality standards to protect public health, safety and environment.

Bureau Veritas has been appointed by the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) to carry out the verification process worldwide and deliver the **EasyPASS** certificate in conformity with the standards.

The business community is urged to inform their exporters and suppliers of the implementation of the **EasyPASS** programme. Exporters and suppliers shall contact Bureau Veritas in the country of export. The process involves conformity assessment based on the approved national standards. Upon satisfactory verification, a certificate of conformity will be issued for the relevant shipment, which should facilitate customs clearance at the port of destination in Ghana.

All inferior products imported into Ghana will face rejection. The GSA encourages the business community to take advantage of this programme to facilitate clearing their goods from the port while saving lives.

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