

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION OF THE HEADS OF STATE OF THE
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THURSDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 2017, NAMANGA BORDER POST, ARUSHA,
TANZANIA**

Press statement

Following consultations between the Permanent/Principal Secretaries of Trade from the United Republic of Tanzania (URT) and the Republic of Kenya (RoK), the two Republics undertook a fact finding mission on Thursday, 3rd August, 2017, at the Namanga Border Post in Arusha, Tanzania to further follow up the progress made on the decisions of the Heads of State of the URT and RoK as communicated jointly by the respective Foreign Affairs Ministers on 23rd July, 2017.

The specific issues from the URT were; wheat flour and LPG. The Permanent/Principal Secretaries observed/agreed as follows:

i. LPG:

- a) that the delay in implementation of the directive was due to administrative challenges;
- b) that on 28th July 2017, Kenya issued a directive to allow free flow of LPG from Tanzania. Therefore, LPG should flow without restrictions between the two countries with immediate effect;

i. Wheat Flour:

- a) that the delay in implementation of the directive was due to an existing EAC legal provision (Legal Notice No. 70 of 30th June 2017);
- b) that the 26 trucks currently stopped at the border should be released immediately since the legal lacuna has been resolved through a Corrigendum to Legal Notice.No.EAC/70/2017 issued by the EAC Secretariat on 3rd August 2017;
- c) that following the issuance of the Corrigendum, wheat flour from URT should flow without restrictions to RoK with immediate effect;
- d) that a meeting of key stakeholders including wheat millers and farmers' associations should be held during the next bilateral meeting to agree on how to support wheat farming in the two countries.

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The specific issues from the RoK were; Milk and Milk Products as well as cigarettes manufactured in Kenya. The Permanent/Principal Secretaries observed/agreed as follows:

i. **Milk and Milk Products:**

- a) that the delay in implementation of the directive was due to administrative challenges;
- b) confirmed that the products were now flowing without restrictions from 26th July, 2017

ii. **Cigarettes**

- a) that the delay in implementation is due to existing domestic legislation;
- b) URT will develop an action plan to address the issue and communicate the framework for the implementation to the RoK during the next bilateral meeting.

The Permanent/Principal Secretaries agreed to discuss all other outstanding issues affecting trade between the two countries during the forthcoming bilateral meeting scheduled from 16th to 18th August, 2017 in Tanzania as follows:

- Technical Officials meeting from 16th to 17th August, 2017;
- Permanent/Principal Secretaries on 18th August, 2017.

The meeting was attended by Daniel G. Chongolo, District Commissioner, Longido; Prof. Adolf Mkenda, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, URT; Eng. Charles Kichere, Commissioner General, TRA; Mr. George Mwinyitafu, Commissioner Customs, URT; Mr. Toba Nguvila, DAS, Longido; Mr. Benjamini Mwesiga, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, URT. The RoK was represented by Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Principal Secretary, Trade; Mr. Charles Ogwae, Managing Director, KBS; Mr. Julius Musyoki, Commissioner Customs, KRA; Ms. Phyllis Wakiaga, CEO, KAM. Moreover, the meeting was attended by other technical officials from the two countries.



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