

RWANDA REGULATIONS



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IPCA CANCELLED

Imports Products Conformity Assessment to Standards (IPCA) regulation has been cancelled as per a letter from the Rwanda Standards Board (RSB) dated 06/10/15.

The working agreement between RSB and Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) expired on 25/09/15.



Kigali, on. 06/10/2015
Ref.: 1558/RSB/DG/04/11

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Dear Sir,

Re: IPCA Agreement between RSB and SGS

In the framework of the signed working agreement between RSB and SGS to implement Import Products Conformity Assessment (IPCA) Program for Rwanda, we wish to remind you that this working agreement expired on the 25th Sept 2015.

While the process for negotiation of a new agreement with competent inspection companies is ongoing, we would like to bring to your attention that no extension of the agreement between RSB and SGS will be granted.

In view of the above, no new contract for consignments destined to Rwanda should be entered into in line with IPCA-Rwanda Program until further notice.

However, for those contracts with suppliers which started before the expiry of the contract extension and are not fully concluded by the expiry dates of the agreement, you can go on to complete them.

I take this opportunity to thank and appreciate the collaborative and teamwork spirit that characterized SGS team while performing the IPCA program on behalf of RSB.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Mark Cyubahiro Bagabe
Director General

CC:

- Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry
- Commissioner General, Rwanda Revenue Authority
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IPCA Programme History

The Rwanda Bureau of Standards (RBS) had implemented the Imports Products Conformity Assessment to Standards (IPCA) programme from **May 8, 2014 but this has since been cancelled!** Imports Products Conformity Assessment to Standards (IPCA) is a conformity assessment process used to verify that imported products are in conformity with the requirements of applicable standards before exporting to a destination country. This process aimed at ensuring that products imported into the Rwandan market are of the required quality for health and safety of people and protection of the environment. The programme was carried out by an authorized third-party agency, consisting of physical inspection with combination of laboratory testing, documentary review and factory audits. The agency which will carry out the process worldwide on behalf of Rwanda Bureau of Standards (RBS) is **SGS Société Générale de Surveillance S.A.**, based in Switzerland.

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Waiver Control

- A waiver is not necessary. BSC / CTN is not required.

CMA CGM trained staff members are available to assist customers in all aspects of the documentary requirements of the trade to Rwanda. Please contact your local agency office for advice.



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