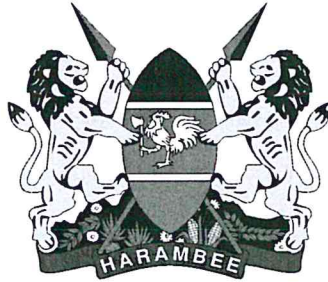


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STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND
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REPORT ON COUNTY LICENSING (UNIFORM PROCEDURES), 2022
(SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2022)

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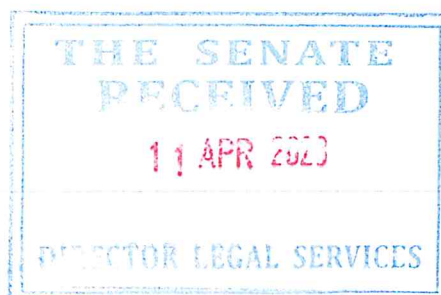


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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

KAM	- Kenya Association of Manufacturers
KEPSA	- Kenya Private Sector Alliance
KNCCI	- Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry
MSME	- Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

PRELIMINARIES

The Senate Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism is established pursuant to Standing Order 228(3) of the Senate Standing Orders. As set out in Fourth Schedule of the Senate Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider *all matters related to trade, industrialization, tourism, cooperatives, investment and divestiture policies*.

In undertaking its mandate, the Committee oversees the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Development and the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife & Heritage. Specifically, the Committee oversights the following state departments-

- 1) State Department for Investment Promotion
- 2) State Department for Trade;
- 3) State Department for Industry;
- 4) State department for Cooperatives;
- 5) State Department for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development; and
- 6) The State Department for Tourism

The Committee also works closely with the Council of Governors, the county Assemblies Forum and non-state actors including Kenya Association of Manufacturers, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI), among others.

Committee Membership

The Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism comprises of the following Members: -

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| 1. Sen. Lenku Ole Kanar Seki, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP | - | Member |
| 4. Sen. Jackson Kiplagat Mandago, EGH, MP | - | Member |
| 5. Sen. Paul Karungo Thangwa, MP | - | Member |
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| 8. Sen. Betty Batuli Montet, MP | - | Member |
| 9. Sen. Hezena M. Lemaletian, MP | - | Member |

CHAIRPERSON FOREWORD

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Bill, 2022 (Senate Bills No. 9 of 2022) is a Bill for an Act of Parliament to establish standard uniform procedures for licensing by county governments and for connected purposes.

The Bill seeks to establish standard uniform procedures for licensing by County Governments. As such, the Bill mandates its implementers to mainly adhere to the following-

- (a) ensure applicants are accorded an opportunity to be heard; and
- (b) prevention of multiple licensing process.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The County Licensing (Uniform Procedure Bill) (Senate Bills No. 9 of 2022) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No.196 of 29th November, 2022 and was introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading on Thursday 16th February, 2023 and was thereafter referred to the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism to facilitate public participation. The Bill is Sponsored by Sen. Mariam Omar, MP.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution and standing order 145 (5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Committee invited interested members of the public to submit their representations on the Bill. On 28th February, 2023, the Committee placed advertisements in the local dailies (The Daily Nation and the Standard newspapers) calling for views and submissions from the general public by 14th March, 2023. The Committee only received submissions from the Kenya Association of Manufacturers.

The Committee reviewed the submissions received and has taken into account the views of the stakeholders in proposing the amendments to the Bill and preparation of this report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Committee held four (4) sittings to consider the submissions through memoranda from Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM).

Summary Observations by the Committee

From the submissions that were received, the Committee made the following key observations –

- 1) **THAT**, the license contemplated under Clause 24 of the Bill is a function of county governments as provided under paragraph 7 of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution. Enacting specific provisions on avoidance of multiplicity for county licenses in National legislation would be infringing on functions that are wholly devolved;
- 2) **THAT**, pursuant to Article 6(2) of the Constitution, counties are distinct and interdependent governments. Different county governments cannot therefore not be compared to different agencies of the same government. Further, the sharing of information by different counties has to ensure the protection of the data of the licensees in accordance with the Data Protection Act;
- 3) **THAT**, there is need for counties to adopt a coding system for identification of the different categories of licences issued by respective licensing authorities in county governments; and
- 4) **THAT**, the Bill does not provide consequences for breach of its provisions.

Recommendations by the Committee

From the foregoing observations, the Committee proposes the following key amendments. **THAT**-

1. Clause 6 (a) of the Bill be amended to provide for the protection of the rights of consumers and the manufacturers/producers of goods and services in the respective counties;
2. Clause 24 of the Bill be amended to stipulate the involvement of the Council of Governors in ensuring the harmonization of licensing regimes and fees in counties to avoid multiplicity of licenses by respective counties;
3. The Bill be amended to stipulate that each county posts in an online platform, a list of all licenses issued, their categories and fees paid or owed; and
4. The Bill be amended to stipulate consequences of breaching its provisions with a penalty of 6 months or 1 Million Shillings or both.

Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker Sir,

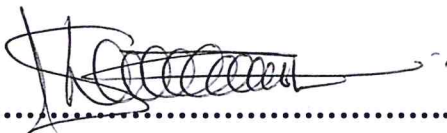
The Committee wishes to acknowledge the time and considerable effort made by the institutions and organizations that prepared and submitted the memoranda to the Committee. I also wish to commend the Members of the committee for their devotion and commitment to duty during the consideration of the Bill.

Further, the Committee is indebted to the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Senate for facilitating all the actions and interactions that led to the production of this report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir

It is now my pleasant duty, pursuant to standing order 148 of the Senate Standing Orders, to present the Report of the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism on the County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2022).

I thank you.

Signed.....

CHAIRPERSON: SEN. LENKU OLE KANAR SEKI, MP,
STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TOURISM.

Date.....^{11th} APRIL, 2023.....

CHAPTER ONE

OVERVIEW OF THE BILL

1.1. Background

1. The purpose of the (Uniform Procedures) Bill, 2022 (Senate Bills No. 9 of 2022) is to provide a national legislative framework for uniform procedures for the licensing of various activities by county governments. This will ensure certainty in the licensing processes in all counties and encourage private sector players to do business in the counties.
2. Paragraphs 2(d), 4(c), 6(a) and 7(b) of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution assigns the following functions to county governments-
 - a) county health services, including, in particular, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public;
 - b) cultural activities, public entertainment and public amenities, including liquor licensing;
 - c) animal control and welfare, including licensing of dogs; and
 - d) trade development and regulation, including trade licenses (excluding regulation of professions).
3. Apart from the above specific licensing functions, Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution assigns various functions to county governments. Most of these functions require licensing of various activities and sectors by county governments.
4. In operationalizing these various licensing functions, it has become apparent that there are varied procedures in applying for licenses in different counties which have had a negative impact on the ease of doing business in the counties. This Bill therefore aims to establish uniform procedures for licensing in counties to ensure certainty in the process and ultimately encourage private sector investment in all counties.
5. There has also been hue and cry by county licensees of being required to procure licenses in each relevant county for undertaking a single business activity. This has discouraged private sector players from engaging in activities within some counties due to the requirement for multiple licenses, one for each relevant county, when undertaking a single activity across more than one county. This Bill also aims to arrest this issue to

this issue to ensure that private sector players carry out their business activities seamlessly without unnecessary impediment

1.2. Overview of the Bill

Principles and Obligations

6. The Bill mandates its implementers to adhere to, among others, the following -
 - (a) need to protect consumers, ensure public safety and promote environmental protection;
 - (b) access to information on conditions for issuance of licenses and the procedures;
 - (c) cost effectiveness in the licensing process;
 - (d) fairness and transparency in the licensing process;
 - (e) provision of a mechanism for simultaneous application for more than one license;
 - (f) prevention of multiple licensing procedures;
 - (g) ensuring applicants are accorded an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (h) adherence to timelines for the processing of license applications.
7. The Bill further mandates county governments, in establishing and administering a license regime, to -
 - (a) protect the rights of consumers;
 - (b) promote the regulation of developing markets;
 - (c) ensure that the quality of goods and services are of high standard;
 - (d) effectively administer control over activities that are risky i.e. activities that threaten the life or health of people, property or the State, public interest or nature and cultural heritage; and
 - (e) ensure that the licensing fees are not prohibitive and do not hinder the conduct of business.

Licensing Procedures

8. The Bill provides a standard process for application, renewal, variation and transfer of licenses. It further mandates county licensing authorities to design and administer an electronic system for the application, renewal, variation or transfer of licenses. It also makes provision for county licensing authorities to inquire for more information on licenses from applicants.

9. The Bill requires county governments, when enacting legislation and for the effective administration of the licensing processes, to prescribe procedures for a single application process for more than one license. It further mandates county licensing authorities to conduct public participation and undertake a regulatory impact assessment before varying the conditions of a license. It also makes provision for the advertisement of applications that are required by law to be advertised.
10. The Bill makes provision for withdrawal of applications. It imposes an obligation on county licensing authorities to process license applications within the required timelines, and in any case within 28 days. An application will be deemed to have been allowed after the expiry of the set timeline(s). It further makes provision for the issuance of licenses, with or without conditions, and mandates county licensing authorities to notify applicants of their decisions within 7 days of making the decisions.
11. The Bill also makes provision for the starting and expiry dates for licenses. It further makes provision for conditions for licenses and the procedure for their variation and imposes various conditions on all county licensees.
12. The Bill further makes provision for the cancellation of licences and for the application process for the review of decisions of county licensing authorities on licence applications.

Administration of licensing schemes

13. The Bill requires licensees (not being natural persons) to notify the respective county licensing authorities within 14 days of a change in the licensees' name, directorship, shareholding, address or registered particulars. It also mandates county licensing authorities to maintain a licensing register and provides details to be contained in the register. It further provides that the licensing register be accessible for inspection by member of the public.
14. The Bill also makes provision for the payment of fees for licenses. It mandates county governments, guided by the principles set out in the Bill, to formulate a licensing fees policy for the imposition of fees and issuance of licenses by the respective county. It also mandates county licensing authorities to be guided by the following principles in setting out fees for issuance of licenses-
 - (a) setting of fees be done within the scope of the county licensing authority;
 - (b) need to ensure efficiency in the delivery of goods and services;

- (c) accountability;
- (d) public participation;
- (e) avoidance of multiplicity in the issuance of licenses and multiple imposition of fees where goods are transported across different counties;
- (f) cross-subsidization where fees collected for providing a category of goods or services covers the costs incurred in providing goods and services in another category in accordance with existing legislation;
- (g) adherence to existing policy on the charging and collection of fees;
- (h) avoidance of multiple licensing in a specific sector;
- (i) fixing different fees with respect to the different types of licenses;
- (j) waiver of requirement for fees and prescribe conditions for such waivers;
- (k) the taking into account of the costs incurred in administering the licensing scheme; and
- (l) ensuring that the fees set do not adversely affect competition and investment.

15. The Bill makes detailed provision for service of notices required under the Bill and allows county licensing authorities to recover license fees owed as a debt in court. It further empowers the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to licensing to make regulations specifically to bring to effect the provisions of the Bill once enacted. The Bill finally empowers county assemblies to enact county specific legislation to give further effect to the provisions of the Bill once enacted.

Consequences of the Bill

16. The Bill seeks to establish uniform framework which will form the basis of licensing processes in counties. A uniform framework for licensing will guarantee certainty and predictability for business owners trading within counties and is vital to the ease of doing business in counties. A business environment underpinned by certainty and predictability will boost entrepreneurship, create employment opportunities, reduce the cost of doing business and promote regular and reliable revenue streams for county governments

CHAPTER TWO

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THEMATIC SYNTHESIS OF THE SUBMISSIONS

2.1. Public participation

17. The Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution and standing order 145 (5) of the Senate Standing Orders, proceeded to undertake public participation on the Bill. In this regard the committee published an advertisement in the Daily Nation and Standard Newspaper on Tuesday, 28th February, 2023 inviting members of the public to submit written memoranda on the Bill. The advertisement was also posted on the Parliament website.
18. In response to the advertisement and invitations, the committee received written submission from one stakeholder, the Kenya Association of Manufacturers and made determinations as follows:

Obligations of County Government

19. The Kenya Association of Manufacturers proposed an amendment to clause 6 (a) of the Bill to include manufacturers and producers of goods and services among the entities whose right are to be protected by county governments when administering a licence regime. The rationale is that the County governments should also be obligated to protect the rights of manufacturers as manufacturers are the main job creators in counties and their welfare is therefore just as important as that of consumers.
20. **The Committee adopted the Proposal** *to amend clause 6 (a), noting that it is only fair that all parties are protected by county licensing regimes. The Bill should therefore be amended to include producers of goods and services among the entities whose rights are to be protected by county governments when administering a license regime.*
21. The Kenya Association of Manufacturers proposed an amendment to clause 6 (c) of the Bill to delete the term ‘quality of goods produced’. The rationale is that ensuring that goods produced are of high standard is vested in the Kenya Bureau of Standards which has the capacity, resources and know how to effectively undertake the task and

granting county governments the mandate will be a duplication of roles and will add on to the regulatory burden already faced by manufacturers.

22. The Committee rejected the proposal to amend clause 6 (c), noting that the provision does not empower Counties to perform functions of the Kenya Bureau of Standards but rather perform their Constitutional functions under paragraph 7 of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution. The Committee further noted that the provision doesn't disenfranchise manufacturers by adding regulatory burdens as the regulation by counties is already provided for in the Constitution as stated above.

Application of granting amendment, renewal, restoration and replacement of licenses

23. The Kenya Association of Manufacturers proposed an amendment to clause 7(2) of the Bill to reduce the number of years from three to one on compliance by counties to put in place and operationalize the electronic application for licenses. The rationale is that three years is a long time for counties to comply and will go against governments' digitization policy and that storage of information in the database within one year will make it easier to retrieve for renewal and replacement instead of providing the document again.

24. The Committee rejected the proposal to amend clause 7(2), noting that the three years stipulated is sufficient time as one year is too short for all counties to adopt an electronic system of processing licenses.

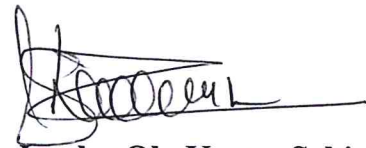
25. The Kenya Association of Manufacturers proposed an amendment to clause 24 of the Bill to insert a new implementation provision on how avoidance of multiplicity will be achieved. The rationale is that the multiple fees and levies across different counties inhibit cross-county trade and increase the cost of doing business in the country and the provision will ensure seamless operationalisation of the principle of avoidance of multiplicity in the issuance of licenses under clause 24(1)(e). The provision will also avoid any confusion or ambiguity in the counties on how the proposed principle will be implemented.

26. The Committee rejected the proposal to amend clause 24, noting that the licensing contemplated under the Bill is a County function as provided under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution. Enacting specific provisions on avoidance of multiplicity for county licenses in National legislation would be infringing on functions that are wholly devolved. Only county governments can enact legislation

THAT the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 26—

Breach of **26A.** A person who contravenes a provision of this Act commits the Act. an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.

Dated 11th APRIL, 2023, 2023.



Sen. Lenku Ole Kanar Seki, MP

Chairperson,

Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism.

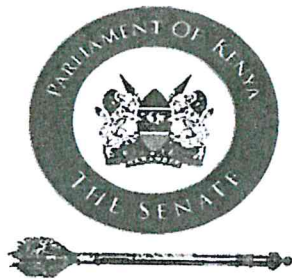
APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Minutes of the sittings of the Committee in considering the Bill

Appendix 2: The County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Bill, 2022 (Senate Bills No. 9 of 2022)

Appendix 3: Advertisement published in the *Daily Nation* and *Standard Newspapers* on Tuesday, 28th February, 2023

Appendix 4: Copies of submissions



MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TOURISM, HELD ON TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 2023, AT KICC CAUCUS 110 AT 8.00 AM

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Lenku Ole Kanar Seki, MP | -Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP | -Vice –Chairperson |
| 3. Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Betty Batuli Montet, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP | - Member |
| 6. Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

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| 1. Sen. Jackson Kiplagat Mandago, EGH. MP | -Member |
| 2. Sen. Hezena M. Lemaletian, MP | -Member |
| 3. Sen. Paul Karungo Thangwa, MP | -Member |

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| 1) Mr. Peter Mulesi | - Clerk Assistant |
| 2) Mr. David Ngamate | - Clerk Assistant |
| 3) Mr. Mitchell Otoro | - Legal Counsel |
| 4) Ms. Annette Kwamboka | - Legal Counsel |
| 5) Ms. Sharon Rotino | - Research Officer |
| 6) Ms. Hamud Mohamud | - Research Officer |
| 7) Mr. William Wambiru | - Fiscal Analyst |
| 8) Ms. Felistus Mutune | -Media Relations Officer |
| 9) Mr. Joseph Otieno | -Audio Officer |
| 10)Mr. Abdalah Mbore | - Sergeant-At-Arms |

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PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:09 am followed by a word of prayer. He welcomed the Members and staff present and asked for a round of introductions.



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14th March 2023

Mr. Jeremiah M. Nyegenye
The Clerk, Senate
Parliament of Kenya, Parliament Buildings
P.O Box 41842 - 00100
NAIROBI



Dear Sir,

RE: SUBMISSION OF KAM MEMORANDUM ON THE COUNTY LICENSING (UNIFORM PROCEDURES) BILL, 2022

The Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) presents its compliments and appreciates the continued support.

Following the call for views on the **County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Bill, 2022**, we wish to submit our Memorandum.

The purpose of this letter is to therefore submit the Kenya Association of Manufacturers' Memorandum on the County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Bill, 2022.

Feedback may be communicated to us via our physical address and advance feedback email to ceo@kam.co.ke on mobile +254 721 303335/+254 723 443363.

Your early feedback will be appreciated.

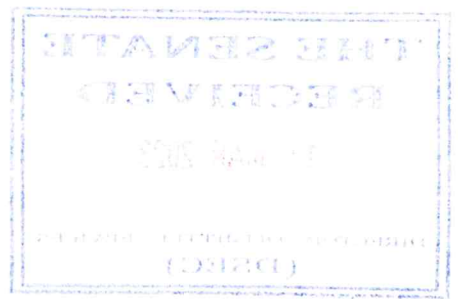
Yours Sincerely,

Anthony Mwangi
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MEMORANDUM ON THE COUNTY LICENSING (UNIFORM PROCEDURES) BILL, 2022

Submitted to

**JEREMIAH M. NYEGENYE, CBS
THE CLERK,
SENATE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, NAIROBI**

Presented By

**ANTHONY MWANGI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE,
KENYA ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS**

MARCH 2023 – NAIROBI, KENYA

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) is the leading business membership organization in East Africa that plays a key advocacy role on behalf of manufacturers in Kenya and in the region through her strong linkages with all sectors of the economy. KAM has over 950 members and represents over 40% of Kenya's manufacturing value add industries.

KAM represented Kenya's manufacturing sector interests in the East Africa Trade integration process through the design, ratification and implementation of the Customs Union, and the Common Market Protocol. The integration process in East Africa has been successful with Kenya Playing a critical role. The EAC region integration is expected to spur the manufacturing sector enhancing intra-EAC trade in value added products and thus grow the economies of the region.

KAM has a membership of manufacturers across thirteen manufacturing sectors and Service ranging from **Food and Beverage, Pharmaceutical; Automotive; Chemical and Allied; Metal and Allied; Paper and Paperboard; Leather and Apparel; Textile and Apparel; Plastics and Rubber; Timber, Wood and Furniture; Electric and Electronic; Building, Mining and Construction; Agro-Processing.**

2.0 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY LICENSING (UNIFORM PROCEDURES) BILL, 2022

In response to the call for public participation on the afore-referenced Bill, we propose the following amendments to be considered before the draft Bill is enacted:

	CLAUSE	PROPOSAL	JUSTIFICATION
1.	<p>Clause 6</p> <p>Obligations of County Governments</p> <p>a) Protect the rights of consumers in the respective counties.</p>	<p>We propose to amend paragraph (a) of this clause to read as follows:</p> <p>(a) Protect the rights of consumers and the manufacturers/ producers of goods and services in the respective counties.</p>	<p>We make this proposal based on the following justifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The county governments should also be obligated to protect the rights of the manufacturers/producers. • The manufacturers/producers are the main job creators in the counties. Their welfare is therefore just as important as that of the consumers.
2.	<p>Clause 6</p> <p>Obligations of County Governments</p> <p>c) Ensure that the quality of goods produced, and services delivered are of high standards</p>	<p>We propose to amend this clause by deleting the phrase “quality of goods produced” in paragraph (c) to read as follows:</p> <p>c) Ensure that the services delivered are of high standards.</p>	<p>We make this proposal based on the following justifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mandate to ensure that goods produced are of a high standard is vested in the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS). • KEBS has the capacity, resources and know how to effectively undertake this task. • Granting county governments this mandate will be a duplication of roles and will add on to the regulatory burden already faced by manufacturers.
3.	<p>Clause 7 (2)</p> <p>A licensing authority shall, within three years of the commencement of this Act, put in place mechanisms to enable</p>	<p>We propose to amend this clause to reduce the time for compliance from three years to one year.</p>	<p>This proposal is made based on the following justifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three years is a long time for counties to comply with this requirement.

the electronic application for grant, renewal, transfer or replacement of a licence or a variation of a condition for the issuance of a licence.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the government's push for digitizing all its services, the provision for three years will go against the government policy. • Further, storage of information in the database within one year will make it easier to retrieve for renewal and replacement instead of providing the documentation again.
<p>4. Clause 24</p> <p>Licensing fees</p> <p>e) Avoidance of multiplicity in the issuance of licenses and multiple imposition of fees where goods are transported across different counties.</p>	We propose to amend this clause to add an implementation clause on how avoidance of multiplicity will be achieved.	<p>We make this proposal based on the following justifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guiding principles as enumerated in clause 24 are welcome and overdue. • Avoidance of multiplicity in the issuance of licenses and multiple imposition of fees where goods are transported across different counties is particularly welcome. • Multiple fees and levies across different counties inhibit cross-county trade and increase the cost of doing business in the country. • We propose to add on this to include a clause on how this directive will be implemented to ensure seamless operationalization.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will avoid any confusion or ambiguity in the counties on how the proposed principle will be implemented.
Additional Clause	Include a clause introducing Exchange of information by government agencies for ease of issuance of permits.	<p>As a comparator, there is a concept developed by other jurisdictions known as “only once principle.”</p> <p>The once-only principle is an e-government concept that aims to ensure that citizens, institutions, and companies only have to provide certain standard information to the authorities and administrations once. By incorporating data protection regulations and the explicit consent of the users, the public administration is allowed to re-use and exchange the data with each other.</p> <p>This principle will boost the plans by the government to digitize all its services by reducing the administrative burden on citizens and businesses</p>	

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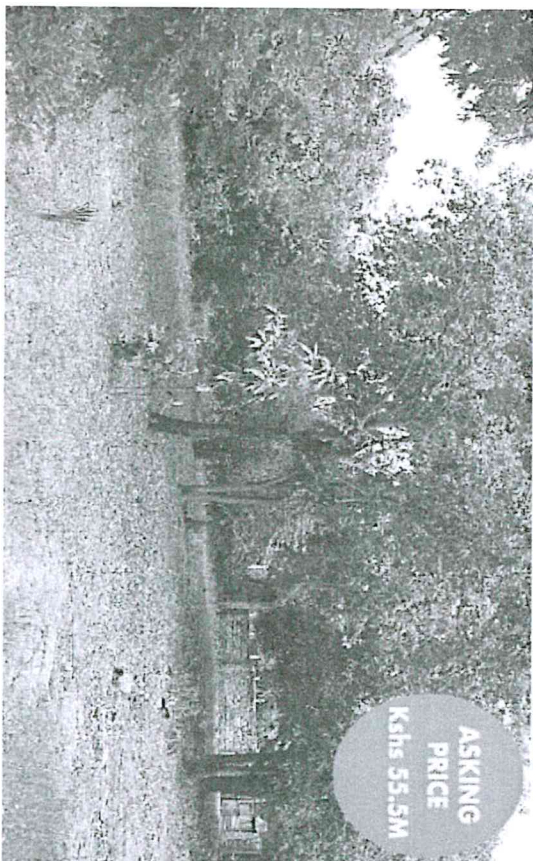
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INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

At a sitting of the Senate held on Thursday, 16th February, 2023 the Bills listed at the second column below were introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading and thereafter stood committed to the respective Standing Committees indicated at the third column.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution and standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Standing Committees now invite interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Bills.

The representations may be made by way of submission of written memoranda on email to the Clerk of the Senate on the address: clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke and copied to the email addresses of the respective Committee indicated at the fourth column below, to be received on or before **Tuesday 14th March, 2023**.

Bill	Committee Referred To	Email
a) The Prompt Payment Bill, 2022 (Senate Bills No. 8 of 2022)	Standing Committee on Finance and Budget	financebudgetcomm.senate@parliament.go.ke
b) The County Licensing (Uniform Procedure) Bill, 2022 (Senate Bills No. 9 of 2022)	Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism	tradeindtourism.senate@parliament.go.ke
c) The Employment (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Senate Bills No. 11 of 2022)	Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare	laboursocialwelfarecomm.senate@parliament.go.ke

The Bills may be accessed on the Parliament Website at <http://www.parliament.go.ke/itsenate/house-business/bills>.

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