



PUBLIC NOTICE

In 2015, the Government of Tanzania approved commencement of operations at the Tanga Port, as the second fuel receiving facility after Dar es Salaam Port, with a view to minimize costs of doing business and decongest the Dar es Salaam-Chalinze section of the Highway, among other factors. Following this, the Petroleum Bulk Procurement Agency (PBPA) and industrial stakeholders facilitated petroleum product imports through the Tanga Port, so that the Northern Regions close to Tanga, (i.e Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Manyara) can utilize fuel from this Port. Since 2017, EWURA has been issuing monthly cap prices for the mentioned regions for products offloaded at the Tanga Port.

Despite the Government's initiatives, EWURA has noted with concern unhealthy business practices where fuel suppliers from Northern Regions have started buying products from Dar es Salaam instead of Tanga.

The practice has negatively affected wholesalers who have imported petroleum products through the Tanga Port and has further undermined the Government's efforts to minimize the costs of doing business which ultimately benefits the end user.

In view of this, EWURA hereby issues a firm order and directive to all fuel suppliers to ensure that petroleum products that are intended for Northern Regions shall only be sourced from Tanga Port; and not elsewhere.

Any person who refuses or fails to comply with this directive shall commit an offence pursuant to section 238 of the Petroleum Act, Cap. 392 and on conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not less than one hundred million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not less than ten years or both.

EWURA will closely monitor the situation of fuel supply in the country to ensure that interests of all stakeholders, i.e the consumers, wholesalers, retailers and the government are well protected.

Issued by

DIRECTOR GENERAL



TAARIFA KWA UMMA

Mnamo mwaka 2015, Serikali ilianzisha rasmi matumizi ya Bandari ya Tanga kwa ajili ya kupokea mafuta, na kuifanya kuwa bandari ya pili kupokea mafuta baada ya Bandari ya Dar es Salaam, ili pamoja na mambo mengine, kupunguza gharama za biashara, na pia kupunguza msongamano wa magari katika barabara ya Dar es Salaam- Chalinze. Kutokana na hatua hii, Wakala wa Uagizaji Mafuta kwa Pamoja (PBPA) na wadau wa biashara ya mafuta walikwisha anza uagizaji wa mafuta kuitia bandari ya Tanga, ili kuiwezesha mikoa ya Kaskazini hususan Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Arusha na Manyara kunufaika na huduma hiyo.

Tangu mwaka 2017, EWURA imekuwa ikitangaza bei kikomo kwa mafuta yanayopokelewa bandari ya Tanga kwa ajili ya mikoa iliyotajwa hapo juu.

Hata hivyo, siku za hivi karibuni kumekuwepo na baadhi ya wafanyabiashara kutoka mikoa ya Kaskazini wamekuwa wakinunua mafuta kutoka Bandari ya Dar es Salaam badala ya Tanga. Utaratibu huu umewaathiri wauzaji mafuta ya jumla ambao wameingiza bidhaa zao kuitia bandari ya Tanga na pia kuathiri juhudzi za Serikali kupunguza gharama za kufanya biashara na hatimaye kumnuifaisha mlaji wa mwisho.

Hivyo basi, EWURA inatoa inatoa amri na kuagiza kuwa ni marufuku kwa wafanyabiashara wa mikoa ya Kaskazini kununua mafuta kutoka Bandari Dar es Salaam.

Mtu yejote atayekiuka maagizo haya atakuwa ametenda kosa kwa mujibu wa **kifungu cha 238 cha Sheria ya Petroli, Sura ya 392**, na akipatikana na hatia adhabu yake ni faini si chini ya shilingi milioni mia moja au kifungo cha miaka si chini ya kumi au vyote.

EWURA inafuutilia kwa karibu hali ya upatikanaji wa mafuta nchini ili kuhakikisha maslahi ya wadau wote wakiwemo watumiaji, makampuni ya mafuta na Serikali yanalindwa.

Imetolewa na

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