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To: ALL AUTHORISED DEALERS,
NIGERIA CUSTOMS SERVICE,
SCANNING & RISK SERVICE PROVIDERS AND
THE GENERAL PUBLIC

NEW STANDARDS ORGANISATION OF NIGERIA CONFORMITY
ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME (SONCAP)

Further to the Circular ref: TED/FEM/GEN/FPC/01/095 dated June 5, 2009 on the above subject, we write to inform all Authorised Dealers and the general public that the Standards Organisation of Nigeria Conformity Assessment Programme (SONCAP) has been reviewed with effect from 1ST February 2013.

Accordingly, four International Accredited Firms have been appointed to carry our inspection, test and certify regulated products on behalf of Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) offshore. These are;

1. China Certification and Inspection Company Ltd (CCIC)
2. COTECNA Inspection Nigeria Ltd (COTECNA)
3. Swede Control Intertek International Ltd (INTERTEK)
4. Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS)

The International Accredited Firms shall be responsible for the issuance of Product Certificate(s) to overseas manufacturers/suppliers/traders and the document shall be a requirement for the registration of Form 'M' for SONCAP regulated products.

Similarly, the Standards Organisation of Nigeria will henceforth be responsible for the issuance of SONCAP certificate(s) on arrival of goods at the ports as part of documentation for customs clearance.

Furthermore, the list of products exempted from SONCAP certification has been updated as follows:

- a. Food products
- b. Drugs (Medicines)
- c. Medicals other than equipment and machines
- d. Chemicals used as raw materials by bonafide manufacturers
- e. Military wares & equipment
- f. Goods classified as contraband by the Federal; Government of Nigeria
- g. Used Products other than automobiles

Bonafide manufacturers who intend to import machinery or related spare parts are advised to apply to SON for a permit to enable them import.

For the avoidance of doubt, only product certificates issued by the approved International Accredited Firms shall be accepted for approval of Form 'M' by banks for SONCAP regulated products with effect from the date of the revision of the SONCAP stated above.


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