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To: ALL AUTHORISED DEALERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

RE: INTEGRATION OF SON'S e-CERTIFICATES INTO THE NIGERIA INTEGRATED CUSTOMS INFORMATION SYSTEM (NICIS)

This is to notify all Authorized Dealers and the general public that the Standards Organization of Nigeria’s e-Certificates (i.e. e-product certificate and eSONCAP certificates) were deployed on the Nigeria Integrated Customs Information System (NICIS) on Thursday September 10, 2015.

Consequently, e-product certificate shall form part of documents to be attached to all Forms "M" in respect of SON’s regulated products with effect from the date of the deployment. Similarly, only e-SONCAP certificate shall henceforth be used for processing of customs clearance of imported regulated products.

However, in the case of existing SON’s regulated products made without the pre-requisite SONCAP certificates, importers of such consignments have been granted three months grace period effective from Thursday September 10, 2015 to clear them. Affected importers in this category are required to apply to the Director General/Chief Executive, Standards Organization of Nigeria to obtain e-Provisional Clearance Certificate (ePCC) to clear their consignments.

For the avoidance of doubt, all SON’s e-certificates shall be used for the processing and clearance of SON’s regulated products with effect from December 1, 2015.

Please note and ensure compliance.

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