



PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO A STAKEHOLDER VALIDATION FORUM ON THE DRAFT TEA REGULATIONS, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES AND CODE OF CONDUCT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENTS, AND ON GREEN LEAF QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 53 and 74 of the Tea Act, 2020 the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development in consultation with the Tea Board of Kenya has developed the following regulations and guidelines;

(1) Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2025 and the Regulatory Impact Statement:

The Regulations provide for the manner of levying and collecting the tea and the Regulatory Impact Statement contains detailed information on the anticipated impacts of the Regulations.

(2) The Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2025 and the Regulatory Impact Statement:

The Regulations provide for the registration and licensing of tea value chain players, the terms and conditions of Licensing and Registration and the appeal process in case of denial or refusal. The Regulatory Impact Statement contains detailed information on the anticipated impacts of the Regulations.

(3) Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector and the Regulatory Impact Statement.

The purpose of the Corporate Governance Guidelines and Conduct of Conduct is to provide for enhanced accountability in the tea sector and align it with best corporate government practices. The Regulatory Impact Statement contains detailed information on the anticipated impacts of the Corporate Governance Guidelines and Conduct of Conduct.

(4) Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry;

The purpose of the requirements is to provide for procedures and standards for handling pre- and post-harvested green leaf.

In compliance with the Constitution of Kenya and the Statutory Instruments Act, the regulations, guidelines and the respective Regulatory Impact Statements and the green leaf quality requirements have undergone public participation and involvement process.

Further, in compliance with Section 8 of the Statutory Instruments Act the notification of the regulatory impact statements on the regulations and corporate governance guidelines was published vide Kenya Gazette Notice No 15362 dated 22nd November 2024. A public notice was also published on 26th November 2024 through MyGov newspaper edition inviting tea industry stakeholders, members of the public, and all interested parties, to attend the public forums to discuss the documents and also submit their comments, views

and inputs on the aforementioned Regulations.

The said comments, views and inputs have been considered and the draft regulations are now ready for validation prior to official publication in the Kenya Gazette. Accordingly, the tea industry stakeholders, members of the public, and all interested parties are hereby invited to attend a stakeholder validation forum for the **Tea (Levy) Regulations, the Tea (Licensing and Registration), Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector and the respective Regulatory Impact Statements and Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry.**

The forum will be held at **Tea House, Naivasha Rd, Off Ngong Rd Nairobi on Friday 23rd May 2025 starting from 10.00 am.**

The above documents can be accessed at the Tea Board of Kenya's website at <https://kilimo.go.ke> and www.teaboard.or.ke

Written submissions may also be sent through info@teaboard.or.ke or hand delivered to the address provided below, not later than **Fourteen days (14)** from the date of this notice addressed to:

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