



PUBLIC NOTICE

LICENSING OF MARKET PLAYERS IN LINE WITH THE CAPITAL MARKETS (COFFEE EXCHANGE) REGULATIONS, 2020

The Capital Markets (Coffee Exchange) Regulations, 2020 granted the Authority the mandate to licence both the coffee brokers and the Nairobi Coffee Exchange. Consequently, the Authority has so far licensed six coffee brokers namely; Meru County Coffee Marketing Agency Limited, United Eastern Kenya Coffee Marketing Company; Kipkelion Brokerage Company Limited; Mt. Elgon Coffee Marketing Agency, Murang'a County Coffee Dealers Limited and Embu Coffee Farmers Marketing Agency Limited.

To ensure minimal disruption to the coffee sub sector, the Authority is currently at an advanced stage of licensing four applicants as Coffee Brokers. Further, The Nairobi Coffee Exchange has been granted a three (3) months extension of its in-principle approval to continue operating as a Coffee Exchange until April 30, 2023. This is to grant the Exchange time to work towards full compliance with the Coffee Exchange Regulations including but not limited to onboarding a Direct Settlement System (DSS) provider.

Additionally, existing marketing agents who have not submitted applications for licensing but are eligible for coffee brokerage licences and intend to continue trading are hereby given three (3) Months to apply for licensing as coffee brokers under the Coffee Exchange Regulations. This transition period is to allow marketing agents to meet their contractual obligations with respect to coffee being held for trading on behalf of farmers. Marketing agents who will not have been granted coffee broker licences by April 30, 2023 will not access the trading floor for purposes of providing coffee brokerage services (sale coffee on behalf of growers) at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange.

Further, the market is hereby notified that the current bank guarantees by the different players shall continue in operation pending onboarding of the Direct Settlement System provider by the Nairobi Coffee Exchange.

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