PUBLIC NOTICE

GAZETTEMENT OF THE VIRTUAL ASSET SERVICE PROVIDERS REGULATIONS, 2026

Reference is made to the Joint Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) and the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) Public Notice dated November 18, 2025, which notified the public of;

a) the passage into law of the Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASP) Act, 2025 (Act. No. 20 of 2025), its subsequent gazettement on October 21, 2025 and its commencement on November 4, 2025; and
b) Subsequent development of the Regulations by the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury, pursuant to the Act and upon the advice of CBK and CMA to operationalise the Act.

Following the completion of the regulation development phase, the CBK and the CMA notifies the public of the gazettement of the VASP Regulations, 2026 on July 22, 2026, in the Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 185 under Legal Notice No. 134, by the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury. This gazettement brings into operation the VASP Act.

The Act provides the legislative framework for the licensing and supervision of VASPs and designates the CBK and the CMA as the relevant regulatory authorities. The Act further provides for CBK and CMA to license VASPs in accordance with the services listed in the First Schedule to the Act.

Accordingly, any person(s) providing or intending to provide virtual asset services are required to apply for a licence from the relevant regulatory authority pursuant to the Act. The detailed licensing checklists can be accessed from the relevant regulatory authority's website. The list of licensed VASPs will be published by the respective regulatory authorities.

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