



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **PRESS STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE CHECKS**

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The Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) is a statutory body established pursuant to Section 3 of the Supplies Practitioners Management Act (SPMA) No.17 of 2007. The Mandate of the Institute *inter alia* is to train, register, license, discipline and regulate Supply Chain Management Practitioners in Kenya. Additionally, the Institute has a mandate to establish, monitor, improve and publish the standards of the supplies practitioner's profession and enforce compliance.

**In the last two (2) weeks**, the Institute has conducted compliance checks in five (5) public Institutions; **The Technical University of Kenya (TUK) – Twelve (12), The Pyrethrum Processing Company of Kenya - Four (4), and the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) - One (1)** and found that a total of **seventeen (17) officers** were practicing at the Institutions without the requisite licensure and registration to practice and shall be taking the next steps as provided for in the Law. We thank the leadership of the **Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK)** and the **Kenya National Library Service (KNLBS)** for their cooperation during the Compliance Checks and for immediately facilitating subscription for their Practitioners.

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It should be noted that,

***“Section 32 (1) states that, “Any employer who employs an unregistered or unlicensed person as a Supply Chain Management practitioner shall be guilty of an offence and is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three (3) years or to both”.***

***(2) Where the employer provided in subsection (1) is a body corporate, the Chief Executive Officer of that corporation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to the penalties provided in subsection (1).”***

We urge all **supply chain management practitioners to ensure compliance** with the provisions of the Supplies Practitioners Management Act, 2007 relating to membership and licensing requirements to remain in good standing.

The Institute will continue to undertake the Compliance Checks all over the country in the execution of its mandate to enforce compliance by all Practitioners.

Relatedly, in furtherance of the discharge of its disciplinary mandate and **fiduciary duty to the public**, the Institute has **completed disciplinary proceedings for forty-five cases (45) cases relating to professional misconduct that were pending** before its Disciplinary Committee.

The Institute executes its disciplinary mandate through the Disciplinary Committee, a Statutory Committee established by the Supplies Practitioners Management Act 2007(SPMA) and the procedures and guidelines for conducting disciplinary proceedings under the Supplies Practitioners Management (Discipline) Regulations, 2015. The Committee’s mandate is to **receive and investigate complaints against supplies practitioners** for infractions prohibited by the Act.

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In the execution of its mandate the Institute has completed investigations, undertaken disciplinary proceedings, and rendered judgement for **forty-five** cases.

The disciplinary action follows the filing of a complaint in July, 2022 and a further investigation by the Institute, which found that, during the period from **January 2023 to December 2023**, forty-four (44) supply chain practitioners in the **County Government of Homabay** and **One (1) Case of a former employee of the County Government of Vihiga** were practicing without a license, contrary to the provisions of Section 20 of the Supplies Practitioners Management Act, 2007.

The Institute shall **make public the judgments** arising from these Disciplinary Proceedings to send a send a strong message that **KISM will act against those who fail to comply** with the requirement to acquire licenses to practice as supply chain practitioners, and any infractions under the SPMA. Out of the **forty-four (44), two (2) were fined, 32 were severely reprimanded and eleven (11) judgement will be read on the 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.**

As the institute continues to conduct compliance audits, investigation of professional misconduct and discipline practitioners, the Institute requests employers and members of the **public to remain vigilant to ensure that only practitioners in good standing are practicing as supply chain management officers**. Any citizen can request an investigation of a supply chain practitioner contacting the Institute through our **website, [www.kism.or.ke](http://www.kism.or.ke) or our telephone lines, +254 111024826, +254111024800.**

***We deliver-as-one, and with all, in the service to the Nation!***

**Secretary/CEO, KISM**  
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