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Dear Madam,

RE: NON-COMPLIANT EDIBLE OIL AND COOKING FAT BRANDS

KEBS recently sampled and analysed brands of edible oil and fats manufactured by various oil refineries in Kenya in the interest of and to fulfil its mandate of protecting the health and economic welfare of consumers and ensure a level playing field. The samples were drawn from the retail outlets and were assessed against the requirements of the Standards Act and the respective product standard **KS EAS 769: KS 2019 Fortified Edible Oils & Fats - Specification.**

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention the below listed brands of non-compliant edible oils and fats that failed to meet the requirements of the standard; and to request your good office to notify your members to recall these brands and remove them from the supply chain from your members' outlets across the country.

Kindly note that this is **not** a ban on the brands but a temporary suspension to facilitate protection of consumers from potentially unsafe products, safeguard economic interests of manufacturers of compliant brands and to allow the manufacturers of the non-compliant brands to initiate and put in place effective corrective action under KEBS supervision to ensure that the non-compliant brands comply with the requirements of the respective Kenya Standards and Standards Act Cap 496, Laws of Kenya before being allowed back into the market. The withdrawn/quarantined products should undergo verification by KEBS before being placed back on the shelves.

LIST OF NON-COMPLIANT EDIBLE OIL AND COOKING FAT BRANDS

S. NO.	BRAND NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER
1.	Bahari Fry	Edible oil	Bidco Africa Ltd., P.O. Box 239-01000, Thika. Email: happy@bidcoafrika.com
2.	Fresh Fri	Edible oil	Pwani Oil Products Limited, Wahunzi Street, Miji Kenda St, P.O. Box 81927-80100 Mombasa, Kenya. Email:info@pwani.net
3.	Fresh Fri With Garlic Oil	Edible oil	Pwani Oil Products Limited, Wahunzi Street, Miji Kenda St, P.O. Box 81927-80100, Mombasa, Kenya. Email:info@pwani.net
4.	Fry Mate	Edible Fat	Pwani Oil Products Limited, Wahunzi Street, Miji Kenda St, P.O. Box 81927-80100, Mombasa, Kenya. Email: info@pwani.net
5.	Gold n Pure olive Gold	Edible oil	Bidco Africa Ltd., P.O. Box 239-01000, Thika. Email: happy@bidcoafrika.com
6.	Postman	Edible oil	Kapa Oil Refineries Ltd., Main Mombasa Road, P.O Box 18492,00500, Nairobi, Kenya. Tel:+254 20 642 0000. Email:info@kapa-oil.com
7.	Rina	Edible oil	Kapa Oil Refineries Ltd., Main Mombasa Road, P.O. Box 18492,00500, Nairobi, Kenya. Tel:+254 20 642 0000. Email:info@kapa-oil.com
8.	Salit	Edible oil	Pwani Oil Products Limited, Wahunzi Street, Miji Kenda St, P.O. Box 81927-80100, Mombasa, Kenya. Email:info@pwani.net
9.	Tilly	Edible fat	Kapa Oil Refineries Ltd., Main Mombasa Road, P.O. Box 18492,00500, Nairobi, Kenya. Tel:+254 20 642 0000. Email:info@kapa-oil.com
10.	Top Fry	Edible oil	Menengai Oil Refineries Ltd., P.O. Box 2918, Nakuru 20100, Kenya. Tel: 051 2212355,0798482096 Email: info@menengai.com

Further, KEBS implements a product certification scheme which certifies and issues product certification marks - standardization mark (SM) permit or diamond mark (DM) permit of quality once the products' compliance with the requirements of the applicable Kenya Standard are ascertained.

To verify the product certification quality marks, all the retail outlets are notified that KEBS has a short message service (SMS) platform on the mobile phones for verifying the validity of the permit numbers. To check the validity of the quality marks on products sold or purchased one should send the code (numbers) underneath the Standardization Mark logo to 20023 (i.e. type message SM#Code or ISM#code, for local and imported products respectively, and SMS to 20023) to get product manufacturing details and permit validity status. If the details are different, invalid or not traceable to the platform, retailers should not purchase, stock or offer for sale the products but instead report to KEBS through toll free number 1545 during official working hours 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Please encourage your members to always validate the quality marks of the products stocked for sale and remind them that any person found offering for sale substandard products contravenes the Law and is liable for prosecution.

We thank you and members of your organization for the continued cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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