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# KTA NEWSLETTER

**THE KENYA PORTS AUTHORITY (KPA) GRANTS PRIORITY LANES FOR FRESH PRODUCE REEFER EXPORTS IN ALL PORT ENTRY GATES**



The transportation and export of fresh agricultural products play a crucial role, significantly contributing to the nation's economic growth and its global trade presence. At the heart of this operation lies the esteemed **Port of Mombasa**, a vital gateway that enables a diverse range of agricultural goods to traverse international borders. In alignment with the embracing trade enhancement strategies of the **Kenya Ports Authority (KPA)**, specialized priority lanes have been established and are now operational within the port premises. These dedicated lanes serve as a cornerstone, facilitating the swift movement of refrigerated exports. This efficiency is further supported by seamless access to port scanners, which contribute to a harmonized trade equilibrium within the region.

In the spirit of fostering coherent progress, it is the shared responsibility of all stakeholders across the supply chain to come together in a unified effort to reduce operational bottlenecks. Notably, entities like the **Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)** should extend the courtesy of granting priority treatment to refrigerated cargo during the weighing process at various weighbridges. This collective endeavor goes beyond mere convenience; it seamlessly aligns with the global movement towards sustainable practices. This emphasizes the profound importance of collaborative engagement among a wide spectrum of stakeholders: from enterprising farmers and proficient transporters to vigilant government agencies and dynamic port authorities.

The achievements witnessed within Kenya's fresh produce export industry not only showcase the nation's prowess in agriculture but also its exceptional ability to adapt and innovate within the constantly evolving global trade landscape. As progress continues to be made, paving the way for modernized transportation infrastructure and the promotion of sustainable principles, the future that unfolds is one filled with promise and potential.

## KENYA TRANSPORTERS ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR FAIR LOAD LIMITS AMIDST CONCERNS OF SELECTIVE OVERLOADING



In its Press Release dated August 5, 2023, **The Kenya Transporters Association Ltd. (KTA)** restated its strong support for the Kenyan government's efforts in building and maintaining extensive road network across the country. The road network is crucial for boosting economic growth in various sectors. **The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)** is responsible for constructing, repairing, overseeing, and maintaining the National Trunk Roads, which are funded by taxes from the Kenyan population.

**The East African Community Vehicle Load Control Act, 2016**, clearly sets out the axle load limits for all heavy commercial vehicles using our roads. **Section 6** of the Act states that

1. A person shall not drive, use, cause, or permit to be driven or used, any vehicle on the Regional Trunk Road Network while overloaded.
2. Any person who drives, uses, causes, or permits to be driven or used, any vehicle on the Regional Trunk Road Network while overloaded shall be liable to pay overloading fees to the national roads authority or any institution designated by a Partner State where the overloading is detected, such overloading fees as may be from time to time be prescribed and published in the Gazette by the Council.
3. The liability under sub section (2) shall be on the transporter.
4. A vehicle is said to be overloaded when used on any part of the Regional Trunk Road Network in contravention of the weight limits set out in the Second and Third Schedules of the East African Community Vehicle Load Control Act, 2016.

The Association underscored instances where certain private entities are granted leeway to exceed stipulated weight limits for trucks. This being granted under the pretext of transporting construction materials. In the pursuit of fairness, it becomes imperative to ensure a uniform application of weight limits. Upholding an equitable standard across all entities using the same road infrastructure is a matter of fairness and consistency.

Over the course of time, members of the KTA have encountered encouragement to join these private groups/Saccos that are granted these exemptions. This practice gives an undue competitive advantage upon overloaded vehicles, thereby compromising road safety and the integrity of infrastructure. It remains essential to adhere to weight limits as per the Axle Load Vehicle Control Act. Transporters should explore alternative means to remain within these limits, regardless of the type of cargo or the geographical location within Kenya. Allowing private entities to bypass legal compliance undermines the fundamental principles of enforcement. Instances of overloading necessitate the offloading of excess cargo and/or the imposition of fines.

The Kenya Transporters Association Ltd. (KTA) commends the measures recently being undertaken by the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) in underscoring its resolute commitment to upholding the Axle Load Vehicle Control Act through its commendable step of revoking registration for non-compliant Saccos. These initiatives garner wholehearted endorsement from the KTA, signifying the concerted efforts towards safer and more equitable road utilization.



## EMPOWERING CHANGE: WOMEN REVOLUTIONIZING THE HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE DRIVING INDUSTRY IN KENYA - A ONE2ONE LOGISTICS KENYA LIMITED CASE STUDY



In a dynamic world where gender roles are continually being redefined, the trucking industry is witnessing a groundbreaking shift in the traditionally male-dominated heavy goods vehicle driving sector. **One2One Logistics Kenya Limited**, is leading the charge by actively recruiting and empowering women as heavy commercial vehicle drivers. This paradigm shift is not only challenging stereotypes but also reaping unprecedented benefits for the industry and the region as a whole.

### REDEFINING PERCEPTIONS

Historically, the trucking and transportation industry has been seen as an exclusive domain for men. However, One2One Logistics Kenya Limited is breaking down these barriers by embracing the inclusion of women drivers. This move has sparked a transformation in the perception of women's capabilities within the sector. What was once an unconventional idea is now rapidly becoming the new normal.

*'The entry of women into the heavy goods vehicle driving sector is not just about filling positions; it's about shattering preconceived notions/perceptions'* remarked Mr. Newton Wang'oo, the One2One Operations Director and the current KTA Chairman. He emphasized that these women are proving that gender has no bearing on driving skill, discipline, or work ethic. With each successful journey they undertake, they challenge stereotypes and inspire others to overcome biases that have limited progress for far too long.

### BENEFITS OF DIVERSITY

The inclusion of women drivers in the heavy goods vehicle sector offers multifaceted benefits. One of the most notable advantages is the positive impact on operational efficiency and safety. Women drivers are known for their meticulous attention to detail, conscientiousness, and adherence to safety protocols. These attributes contribute to a reduction in accidents, thereby enhancing road safety for everyone. Additionally, women's strong communication and problem-solving skills are valuable assets in an industry where effective teamwork is paramount.

Furthermore, the recruitment of women drivers promotes diversity and gender equality, aligning with global efforts to create inclusive work environments. This infusion of fresh perspectives and talents fosters innovation and improves overall industry performance. The heavy goods vehicle sector stands to gain significantly from harnessing the skills of women, expanding its talent pool, and adapting to the changing landscape of the modern workforce.



## ONE2ONE LOGISTICS: PIONEERING CHANGE

At the forefront of this revolution is One2One Logistics Kenya Limited, a trucking transport company that has taken the lead in recruiting women heavy commercial drivers. Breaking barriers and setting a new standard, the company has, to date, recruited 12 skilled and dedicated lady drivers. This trendsetter's commitment to equal opportunity and gender diversity is transforming the industry's landscape and inspiring other transporters to follow suit.

The company's operations director, alongside the KTA, has been instrumental in ushering in this change. By recognizing that diversity is a strength and that women possess the qualities essential to succeed in the heavy goods vehicle sector, One2One Logistics has proven that societal norms can and should be challenged.



## A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD

As the heavy goods vehicle sector in East Africa continues to evolve, the inclusion of women drivers is poised to become a hallmark of progress. The journey towards gender equality within this sector is a testament to the power of change and the transformative impact of collective action. One2One Logistics Kenya Limited, a member of the Kenya Transporters Association, is leading the way by providing a platform for women to excel and rewrite the narrative.

By embracing women as capable and competent drivers, the heavy goods vehicle sector is not only becoming more diverse but also safer, more efficient, and ultimately better positioned to meet the challenges of the future. As the wheels of change turn, East Africa's transportation industry is moving forward, powered by the inspiring individuals who are steering it in a new direction – one that values talent over tradition and progress over prejudice.

## **KNOW YOUR HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVER MINIMUM WAGE**

The most recent update to Kenya's Minimum wage took place on May 1, 2022. According to the Regulation of Wages (General) Amendment Order, 2022, the Minimum Monthly Gross Pay for Heavy Commercial Vehicle Drivers, effective as of May 1, 2022, is presented in the table below, comprising the Basic pay as per the order plus a 15% House Allowance:

Mombasa Nairobi Kisumu Nakuru - Cities	Former Municipalities and Town Councils of Mavoko, Ruiru and Limuru	Other Areas
KES. 39,449	KES. 37,123	KES. 34,807

As a steadfast advocate for equitable practices within the road transport sector and a staunch defender of worker's rights, the **Kenya Transporters Association** remains resolute in its commitment. Together, we can forge a more robust and prosperous road transport industry that mutually benefits both transport operators and their dedicated workforce.



## KeNHA PUBLIC NOTICE: TRANSITION TO GOVERNMENT PAYBILL NUMBER 222222

In a Public Notice released on the 14th of August, 2023, the **Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)** informed the public that, as of the 7th of August, 2023, all mobile payments intended for KeNHA must be conducted using the designated Government Paybill No. 222222. The transition comes in alignment with the Presidential Directive. KeNHA's **Information and Communication Technology** team successfully integrated the e-Citizen payment module into both the **Overload Fees Management System (OMS)** and the **Exemption Permits and Utilities** system. As a result, all mobile payments to KeNHA must now be routed through the Government Paybill No. 222222 via the **e-Citizen** platform.

The notice additionally outlines that all **Weighbridge Teams, Regional ALEHU Base Centers, and the Road Reserve Control Section** have been provided with clear directives to ensure that invoices issued to clients adhere to the official Government Paybill. Should any challenges arise during the payment process, customers are strongly encouraged to collaborate with the Authority's ICT Team to ensure the seamless facilitation of payment services.



## JOIN US TODAY AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF KENYA TRANSPORTERS ASSOCIATION

The Kenya Transporters Associate membership is open to organizations/firms with strategic business interest in the transport sector. Associate membership is available subject to approval by the KTA Board of Directors. Associate members must subscribe and fully adhere to the KTA Code of Conduct. Parts of the Code of Conduct touching on real transport issues are relative and not necessarily binding for associate membership.

### **Documentations required are;**

- Copy of PIN certificate/Tax Compliance Certificate
- Copy of Certificate of Registration/Incorporation
- Letter of application seeking membership with KTA
- A signed copy of the Code of Conduct.
- Joining fee KES. 100,500 payable annually.



## BENEFITS OF BECOMING AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER

### **You stand to gain by way of;**

- ❖ **Strategic branding:** Increase your visibility in the transport sector. Position your company as a leader by highlighting your products, services, and expertise to transporters.
- ❖ **Events and networking:** Building strong business relationships to advance your company. Through KTA membership, you'll be able to network with existing members and connect with new ones.
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## CARGO STATISTICS COLUMN

### WEEKLY PERFORMANCE FOR COMMODITIES, AUGUST 2023

COMMODITIES	17 <sup>TH</sup> – 23 <sup>RD</sup>	24 <sup>TH</sup> – 30 <sup>TH</sup>	Change	% Change
	TOTAL TONS			
BULK MAIZE	14,415		-14,415	100
BULK CLINKER	1,428	32,508	31,080	91.58
CONTAINERS	240		-240	100
BULK COAL	0	0	0	0
BULK WHEAT	50,495	23,482	-27,013	36.52
BOAT		75	75	100
GEN CARGO & OTHERS	13,569	230	-13,339	96.67
MOTOR VEHICLES	6,887	826	-6,061	78.58
STEEL	39,651	22,669	-16,982	27.25
AVERAGE PER DAY	18,098	11,399	-6,699	14.29
TOTAL	126,685	79,790	-46,895	100

CONTAINER TERMINAL		17 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Change
Total Number of Ships		21	12	-9
Total Delivered Containers by Road		4940	5664	724
Delivered C'ners by Road	LOCAL	2056	2515	459
Delivered C'ners by Road	TRANSIT	2884	3149	265
Delivered C'ners by SGR		2593	2857	264
Imports Population Breakdown	LOCAL	939	856	-83
	TRANSIT	2859	3207	348
Transit in Yard Breakdown	Burundi	10	10	0
	D.R. Congo	202	169	-33
	Ethiopia	2	2	0
	Rwanda	153	151	-2
	Somalia	6	1	-5
	S. Sudan	152	392	240
	Tanzania	101	112	11
	Uganda	2233	2370	137



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