



Prof. Agyei presenting the conformity mark to Mr. Gyamfi

GSA, GoldBod Announce Partnership for Nationwide Gold Scales Calibration

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) and the Ghana Gold Board (GoldBod) have agreed to collaborate on a transformative national initiative to standardize and calibrate gold scales across all sixteen regions of Ghana. The partnership was formalized following a high-level meeting

between Prof. George Agyei, Acting Director-General of the Ghana Standards Authority, and Mr. Sammy Gyamfi, Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Gold Board.

The comprehensive gold scales calibration programme aims to strengthen Ghana's

position in the global gold market by ensuring measurement accuracy, pricing transparency, and trade integrity across all mining regions – from Tarkwa to Obuasi and throughout Ghana's gold-producing areas.

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Vision

To become a customer-focused world-class standards organisation.

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To contribute towards the growth of industry, protect consumers and facilitate trade through standardisation, metrology and conformity assessment.

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Group photograph of Prof. Agyei, Mr. Gyamfi, Madam Bah Mante, Mr. Evans Asiedu and other officials for GSA and GoldBod

“This initiative represents a significant step forward for Ghana’s gold sector,” said Prof. Agyei. “Through this partnership with GoldBod, we are creating a unified measurement framework that will enhance confidence in Ghana’s gold trade and demonstrate our commitment to international best practices.” The programme will provide systematic calibration services for gold scales used across the country, benefiting all stakeholders in the gold value chain. Key outcomes include enhanced trade integrity and market confidence, protection for artisanal

and small-scale miners through accurate weighing systems, standardised measurements across all gold trading points, improved regulatory oversight and compliance, and strengthened international credibility for Ghana’s gold sector.

The calibration initiative aligns with ISO/IEC 17025 international standards, positioning Ghana favorably among global gold trading platforms including the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA). Mr. Gyamfi affirmed GoldBod’s commitment to the partnership: “The Ghana Gold Board is fully committed to working with

GSA to make this programme a success for all who rely on Ghana’s gold industry. This collaboration will strengthen our ability to ensure fair pricing and protect the interests of miners across the country.”

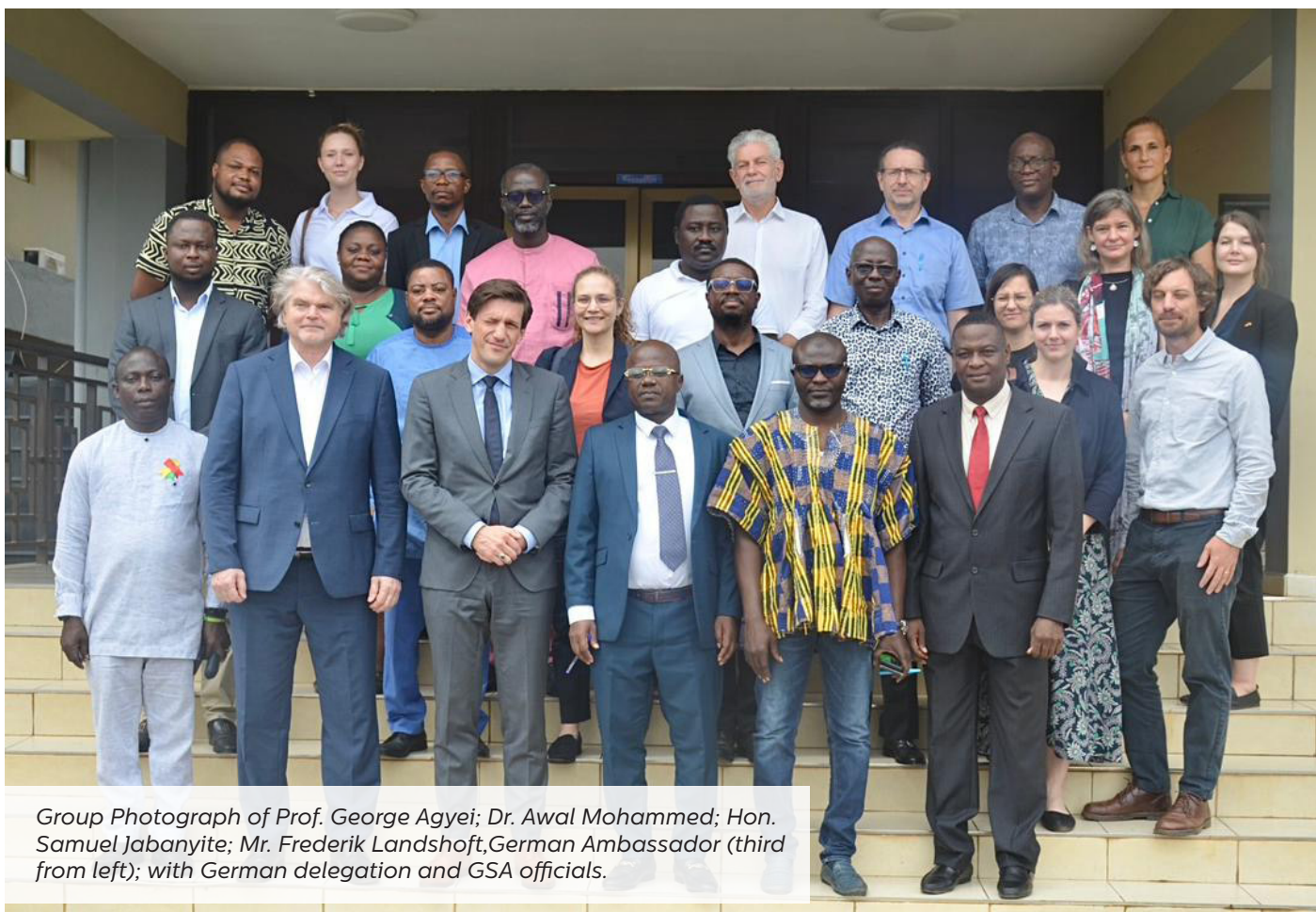
The partnership will include joint stakeholder engagement with mining communities, licensed gold buyers, district assemblies, and traditional authorities. Implementation will begin within the coming months, with mobile calibration units reaching remoteminingcommunities to ensure nationwide coverage. Both organisations emphasised that the initiative supports



Prof. Agyei and Madam Baah Mante in a discussion with Mr. Gyamfi

Ghana's commitments under the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and aligns with international responsible mining principles.





Group Photograph of Prof. George Agyei; Dr. Awal Mohammed; Hon. Samuel Jabanyite; Mr. Frederik Landshofter, German Ambassador (third from left); with German delegation and GSA officials.

High-level German Delegation Visits GSA

A high-level delegation from Germany, led by the Ambassador to Ghana, Frederik Landshofter, paid a visit to the GSA on Thursday, December 4, 2025, to get first-hand experience of the advanced laboratories they have funded.

The visit reinforces the strong partnership between Germany and Ghana in improving quality infrastructure and standards enforcement in the country.

The German team toured the state-of-the-art Temperature, Mass and Electricity Laboratories and engaged with GSA officials to see how their financial and technical support is enhancing the country's testing and certification capacity.

Prior to the tour, the team met with the Director-General, Prof. George Agyei, his deputies and other high-ranking officials of the Authority, where the head

of Special Projects, George Anti, made a presentation on the partnership between the GSA and other German state institutions and agencies.

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THE GHANA STANDARDS AUTHORITY (GSA) LAUNCHES A GROUNDBREAKING DIGITAL CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TO COMBAT FAKE GOODS FROM MARCH 2026

NOTICE NO. GSA/DGS/PN/25/04

#ScanBeforeYouBuy

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), the national body mandated to ensure the quality and safety of goods and services, today announces a major strategic initiative to safeguard Ghanaian consumers and legitimate businesses from the scourge of sub-standard and counterfeit products.

The proliferation of fake goods in our markets poses a significant threat to public health, safety, and the economic well-being of our nation. It undermines consumer confidence and unfairly disadvantages manufacturers and importers who adhere to GSA's rigorous certification standards.

To tackle this challenge head-on, the GSA will be rolling out a state-of-the-art **Digital Conformity Assessment and Product Authentication System in March 2026**. This innovative, nationwide solution will empower every Ghanaian with the ability to instantly verify the authenticity of GSA-certified products directly from their smartphones.

How the New System Will Work:

1. Unique QR Codes

All GSA-certified products will feature a unique, secure QR code.

2. Instant Verification

Consumers can simply scan this QR code using a dedicated, free mobile application.

3. Real-time Authentication

The app will provide immediate confirmation of the product's authenticity, displaying key information such as the product name, manufacturer, and GSA certificate details.

4. Report on Suspected Fakes

The system includes a feature for consumers to report suspected counterfeit products directly to the GSA, providing valuable data for our market surveillance and enforcement operations.

A CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS

The success of this transformative project depends on the collaboration of all stakeholders.

To All GSA License Holders (Manufacturers, Importers, and Distributors)

You are our primary partners in this endeavour. We entreat you to fully embrace this system and begin preparations for its integration into your product packaging and labelling. Widespread adoption of the QR codes is crucial for creating a unified front against counterfeiters. The GSA will provide comprehensive guidelines and onboarding support in the coming months.

To the Retail Community

You are the vital link between products and consumers. We urge you to support this initiative by stocking and promoting products bearing the official GSA QR code. This will not only protect your customers but also enhance the credibility and trust in your establishments.

To the General Public

Your role is paramount. We call upon all Ghanaian consumers to actively participate in this national effort. When the system goes live, we encourage you to download the official GSA authentication app and #ScanBeforeYouBuy. Your vigilance is the most powerful weapon we have in the fight against fake goods.

To Other Regulatory Bodies and Industry Associations

The GSA seeks your collaboration to ensure a cohesive and widespread implementation of this system across all sectors. Together, we can create a safer and more transparent market for all.

This Digital Conformity Assessment System represents a significant leap forward in our mission to protect consumers and promote fair trade. It leverages technology to put power directly into the hands of the people, making it increasingly difficult for illicit goods to survive in the Ghanaian market.

The GSA is committed to a smooth rollout and will conduct extensive stakeholder sensitization and public education campaigns in the lead-up to the MARCH 2026 LAUNCH.

Let us work together to restore integrity to our markets and protect the health and safety of every Ghanaian.

Signed,

Prof. George Agyei
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President John Mahama in a picture with Opanyin Abraham Kwaku Adusei and his wife

GSA Participates in 2025 National Farmers’ Day Event in Ho

The GSA, in the past week, participated in the 41st National Farmers’ Day event held in Ho. The National Farmers’ Day is a nationwide celebration that honours farmers and fishers whose dedication continues to anchor the country’s food security and rural livelihoods.

The week-long observance began on Monday, December 1, at the Ho Sports Stadium, with the official opening of the 2025 National Agricultural Fair.

The fair attracted thousands of participants, including

farmers, agribusiness innovators, policymakers, investors, and exhibitors, all showcasing advancements in technology, value addition, and sustainable farming practices.

This year’s celebration was held under the theme: “Feed Ghana, Eat Ghana, Secure the Future”, reflecting the government’s emphasis on strengthening food systems, promoting local consumption, and building long-term resilience in the agricultural sector.

The GSA took advantage of the event to educate farmers, patrons and exhibitors about

the importance of applying agriculture standards in their various areas of cultivation.

They explained vividly the various agric standards available and discussed with the participants the various tests and requirements in the standards for their food produce. The participants were astonished at how comprehensive some of the standards were and expressed their willingness to visit GSA to help them improve their cultivation.

Representatives of GSA, led by Mrs. Dorothy

Amoah, Head of Marketing and Mr. Rochester Cudjoe, the Volta Regional Manager, also participated in various seminars and discussions where they spoke about the role of GSA in the agricultural sector and advised the farmers and entrepreneurs to approach GSA to enhance their work.

During the climax of the Farmers' Day event, the President of Ghana, H. E. John Dramani Mahama, presented awards to outstanding farmers across multiple categories, recognising excellence in productivity, innovation, and impact on community development.

An 82-year-old farmer, Opanyin Abraham Kwaku Adusei, from Sanso in the Obuasi Municipality of the Ashanti Region, was adjudged the Overall National Best Farmer for 2025.

Apart from walking home with GH¢1.2million, the headline prize package, sponsored by the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB), includes a brand-new tractor with implements from Sino Machinery; a power tiller head with rotary accessories; motorised sprayers; assorted chemicals; wellington boots; cutlasses; and other essential farm tools.

In his address, President Mahama emphasised the benefits of farming to all Ghanaians and urged professionals, teachers, civil servants, and private sector workers to combine their regular duties with farming.

He noted that embracing agriculture as a secondary



enterprise would not only enhance household incomes but also contribute to national food security and reduce Ghana’s reliance on food imports.

President Mahama further encouraged the adoption of modern farming technologies, irrigation, and improved seedlings to enable part-time farmers to remain productive without being physically present on their farms daily.

He reiterated his administration’s commitment to creating an enabling environment that makes farming more attractive and profitable for all categories of workers.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Food and Agriculture, Hon. Eric Opoku, called on corporate Ghana to partner with the ministry to support farmers, stressing that agricultural success relies not only on land and labour but also on accurate and timely weather information.

Established in 1985, Farmers’ Day has grown into one of Ghana’s most significant national events celebrating the enduring contributions of farmers and fishers to the nation’s development and economic stability.





Minister for Food and Agriculture, Hon Eric Opoku together with Vota Regional Minister, Hon. James Gunu visits GSA Exhibition Stand



Hon. John Dumelo, Dep. Min. for Food and Agric, exchanging pleasantries with GSA's Head of Marketing





Financial Intelligence Centre Republic of Ghana

GSA Participates in Stakeholder Engagement on Anti Money Laundering/ Counter Terrorism Financing and Proliferation

On November 11, 2025, the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) convened a strategic stakeholder engagement at the OAK Plaza Hotel, Accra, to understand and strengthen inter-agency collaboration in combating Money Laundering/Terrorist Financing and Proliferation (ML/TF&P) in Ghana.

The engagement brought together representatives from key national institutions including the Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO), Narcotics Control Commission (NACOC), Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), and the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA).

The GSA was well represented by the Deputy Director-General (Operations) of the GSA, Dr. Awal Mohammed, and other 18 nominated staff from the Administration

Directorate, Inspectorate Directorate, Metrology Directorate, Standards Directorate, and Finance Directorate.

The GSA was invited to outline its expertise and perspective in combating money laundering, terrorist financing, and other organised financial crimes in Ghana. The engagement also sought to build awareness and understanding of GSA's mandate and operations, foster collaborative relationships with regulatory and law enforcement partners, enhance coordination and collaboration on matters of mutual interest and concern, strengthen stakeholder involvement for FIC's strategic initiatives, provide an overview of Money Laundering/Terrorist Financing and Proliferation (ML/TF&P), and submit the findings of the National Risk assessment.

The GSA's presentation was delivered by Mr. Victor Kwansa and underscored the role of the Authority in maintaining the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) and combating trade-based money laundering through standardisation, metrology, conformity assessment, and enforcement operations. In his presentation, Mr. Kwansa emphasised that GSA's over 300 Trading Standards Inspectors (TSIs) play a pivotal role in detecting ML/TF&P and illicit economic activities concealed through trade, health, environment and safety.

The FIC highlighted key systemic vulnerabilities posing risks to national security and financial integrity, including fraud, drug trafficking, substandard product trade, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and human trafficking, and

further provided insights into the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 40 Recommendations, particularly:

- Recommendation 1: requiring countries and institutions to conduct risk assessments to ensure efficient allocation of resources; and
- Recommendation 27: highlighting technical compliance that mandates institutions to have adequate powers and authority to prevent ML/TF&P and to impose administrative and financial sanctions where necessary.

Key recommendations from the engagement included establishing an AML/CFT&P desk at the GSA, enhancing digital integration and data-sharing frameworks, adopting risk-based inspection approach, and institutionalising FIC-led capacity-building programmes.

The stakeholder engagement reaffirmed that combating ML/TF&P requires a coordinated, multi-agency approach, with GSA being one of the key institutions. The FIC's proactive leadership and engagement with GSA demonstrated its commitment to fostering regulatory collaboration and strengthening Ghana's national resilience against ML/TF&P threats.



New Administrative Staff Association executives

New ASA Executive Vows to Boost Staff Welfare and Membership

Two weeks ago, the new leadership of the Administrative Staff Association (ASA), was sworn into office by the Head of Legal at the GSA, Barbara Wuttor.

The brief ceremony was graced by Mrs. Elizabeth Claire Nelson, the Acting Director of Administration.

The new executive of the Association has pledged to prioritise staff welfare and launch a massive membership drive.

“Our foremost priority is to foster an environment that supports the well-being and professional growth of all administrative staff,” Ms. Jacqueline Conduah, President of ASA, told the GSA Digest Team recently. “Moreover, we intend to undertake a vigorous membership drive to ensure that every eligible member of the administration staff feels represented and empowered.”

Ms. Conduah acknowledged the vital role that the ASA plays in the fabric of the

Authority, serving as the principal body advocating for the rights and interests of administrative personnel. “Strengthening our membership base will bolster the Association’s capacity to engage meaningfully with management on policy and welfare matters,” she added.

She urged all colleagues to join hands in building a supportive and unified community at GSA. Members of the Association have welcomed the proactive stance of the new leadership and have expressed



their optimism that these commitments will translate into tangible improvements in the workplace environment.

The ASA plays a key role in representing the interests of GSA's administrative personnel, aiming to promote unity and professional development within the organisation.

Moving forward, the leadership plans to set up committees to drive its priorities. These sub-committees are:

1. Membership and Publicity Sub-committee:
 - Chair: Secretary
 - Members: 3-4 association members (one person from the region)
 - Responsibilities: Increase membership, publicize association activities, and engage with members and

- Temporary and TSI leadership
2. Constitution Review Sub-committee:
 - Chair: President
 - Members: 3-4 association members, including legal expert
 - Responsibilities: Review and update the constitution to reflect our evolving needs
3. Finance and Investment Sub-committee:
 - Chair: Financial Secretary
 - Members: 2-3 association members with financial expertise
 - Responsibilities: Manage finances, explore investment opportunities, and provide quarterly reports
4. Capacity Building and Training Sub-committee:
 - Chair: Treasure

- Members: 3-4 association members with relevant skills
- Responsibilities: Organise training programmes, workshops, and capacity-building activities
5. Sports and Welfare Sub-committee:
 - Chair: Vice President
 - Members: 3-4 association members
 - Responsibilities: Organise sports and welfare activities like wedding, funeral, Christmas packages and promote healthy competition and teamwork among members.



Madam Love Obeng-Asamoah presenting the proposal to Madam Elizabeth Clare Nelson, Director of Administration

Staff Present Proposed Organisational Initiative from Project Management Certification Training to Ag. DAD

On Thursday, December 4, 2025, a team from GSA formally presented a proposal to Madam Elizabeth Clare Nelson, Ag. Director Administration, stemming from the team's participation in the Project Management Professional Certification Training held from August 11-15 at the Ghana Civil Aviation Training Centre.

The participants, drawing on the knowledge and skills acquired during the training,

identified a critical operational need within the Authority and developed a project proposal titled "Construction of a Driver's facility at GSA".

Madam Nelson commended the team for the initiative and expressed her appreciation for the efforts. The participants from GSA were Mr. Samuel Adarkwa-Addae; Mrs. Love Obeng-Asamoah; Mr. Gideon Ayipey Asiaw; Mr. Tango Bright Kwaku; Mrs.

Abigail Opoku; Miss Gifty Tabiri; Mr. Festus Apreku; and Mr. Obed Amexo.





GSA Warns Consumers Against Patronage of Substandard Electrical Products

The GSA has introduced a digital label aimed at eliminating substandard electrical and electronic products from the market and empowering consumers to verify the quality of items before purchase.

Ing. Francis Akpaloo, Senior Scientific Officer, Engineering Department, GSA, said the initiative dubbed: “Ghana Digital Conformity Programme”, was designed to ensure that only safe, high-quality products were circulated nationwide while improving competitiveness and reducing unjustified price variations amongst brands.

Ing. Akpaloo, speaking at the GSA’s “Electrovigilance” sensitisation forum in Tamale, said the initiative allowed consumers to independently verify product quality and authenticity using digital tools introduced by the GSA.

The forum was attended by certified electricians, electrical contractors, students, representatives of academic institutions and security agencies. Mr Akpaloo explained that the initiative formed part of the GSA’s mandate to safeguard the nation’s quality infrastructure by conducting product testing

and certification, adding it strengthened consumer protection by making it easier to confirm whether a product had passed the GSA’s quality checks.

He said the initiative had a traceability feature that allowed the GSA to track certified products across regions adding “So, if you buy an electrical cable from Accra and move it to another location outside Accra, we should be able to know that you bought it there and have taken it to another region. In the event where there are issues around it, we

can easily trace where the product is in use.” He added that products that met the required standards would now carry a digital label that was extremely difficult to copy serving as proof that they had undergone the full certification process.

Ing. Akpaloo said “When you don’t see this label, the first impression is that the product is substandard, or fake, or it has not gone through the GSA system of verification.” He urged consumers to prioritise certified products, saying quality electrical cables lasted longer and ultimately saved buyers money that would otherwise be spent repeatedly replacing inferior items. Mr. Basim Alhassan, Northern Regional Manager, GSA said the forum formed part of nationwide efforts to reduce the circulation of fake and low-grade electrical materials on the market, which had been linked to many domestic and industrial fire incidents. He emphasised that “The importance of this project is to help rid our markets of substandard electrical and electronic products. Most of the fires we experience boil down to the usage of these substandard electrical cables.” Mr. Alhassan said the GSA, in collaboration with the Energy Commission, would conduct intensified market surveillance using trained standards inspectors to remove unsafe products from circulation.

Mr. Abdul Hanan Mariwan Madi, a certified electrician in Tamale, who was a participant, said the sensitisation had deepened his understanding

of how to identify counterfeit products and access genuine and approved cables. He said “Today, I’ve learned more methods of figuring out fake products on the market. With what I’ve learned here, I have to apply it in my work. We have already been advised to replace estimates we have using unapproved cables with the approved cables introduced to us, and I think we will start from there.”

Source: GNA



Eastern Regional staff educating shop keepers

Eastern Regional Office GSA Koforidua Office Embarks on Educational, Sensitisation Exercise in Markets, Shops

The Eastern Regional Manager, Mr. Andrew Larney, has led a team of Trading Standards Inspectors (TSIs) at the Koforidua Office, to carry out a wide educational exercise in the municipality, with a strong focus on reduced-to-sale items and the proper handling of expiry dates.

The activity formed part of the office's year-end programme to improve awareness among

traders and safeguard buyers from unsafe products.

During the visit, inspectors moved through the main market, grocery shops, and small retail points, speaking directly with traders about how discounted goods should be managed. The officers explained that products placed on a reduced-to-sale shelf must still be wholesome, correctly labelled, and fully traceable.

Traders were advised to ensure that any markdown reflects only a nearing date or minor cosmetic damage, not spoilage or compromised quality. The team stressed that goods with torn packaging, unclear labels, or poor storage conditions should be withdrawn from the shelves.

A significant part of the engagement focused on expiry dates. Inspectors

detailed the meaning of expiry, noting that once this date is passed, the product should not be offered for sale under any circumstances, because it may pose a health risk.

Examples included canned foods showing swelling, powdered drinks that have clumped due to moisture, and personal care items that degrade after their stated lifecycle. Traders were guided on how to keep proper stock lists, carry out regular shelf checks, and rotate goods so that older items are sold first.

The team explained the difference between expiry dates and best-before dates, since many traders treat

the two terms as identical. Best-before dates relate to quality rather than safety, and inspectors encouraged traders to communicate this clearly to buyers while still maintaining clean storage conditions and honest pricing.

The inspectors made it clear that expired items, whether discounted or not, must be removed from the sales area and reported for proper disposal.

Buyers were also engaged throughout the exercise. They were urged to inspect labels carefully, look for clear dates, and pay attention to storage conditions, especially for perishable foods and household chemicals. The

inspectors encouraged the public to report any trader who repeatedly sells expired goods or hides labels to mislead customers.

This this outreach is part of a larger effort to strengthen compliance with national standards and promote safe trade as the year ends. According to the inspectors, continued education and cooperation with market leaders will help build a marketplace where traders act responsibly and consumers shop with confidence.







Mrs Amoah educating participants on the importance of standardisation

Volta Regional Office GSA Empowers Women Entrepreneurs at Volta Fair 2025 Forum

The GSA, represented by its Marketing, Standards, Ho, and Hohoe teams, participated actively in the Volta Fair Women Entrepreneurs Forum held on December 3, 2025, at the Residency in Ho, under the theme: “Empowering Volta Women Entrepreneurs for Global Partnerships & a Thriving 24-Hour Economy.” The Head of Marketing, Mrs. Dorothy Amoah, featured as a panellist alongside queens, women entrepreneurs, government agencies, and community stakeholders.

The session provided an important platform for institutions to outline their mandates and demonstrate how their work supports Ghana’s broader agenda of building a 24-hour economy.

In her submission, Mrs. Amoah highlighted GSA’s core functions, standards development, testing, certification, metrology, and inspection, emphasising their crucial role in ensuring product quality, facilitating trade, and protecting consumers.

She further explained how the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) presents new opportunities for women-led enterprises, stating that products tested and certified to meet standards, enjoy a significant competitive advantage in regional and continental markets. Participants engaged the panel with questions regarding testing timelines, costs, and service accessibility. These inquiries were addressed comprehensively, and GSA’s website, along with direct

contact information, was provided to encourage ongoing collaboration and easy access to services.

The GSA's participation reaffirmed its commitment to empowering women entrepreneurs, strengthening local industries, and promoting standards-driven growth across the Volta Region and beyond.







Group picture of stakeholders and participants

Volta Regional Office Ho Office Participates in Maiden Volta Investment Summit 2025

On December 4, 2025, the GSA Ho Office proudly participated in the maiden edition of the Volta Investment Summit 2025, held at the Serene Hotel in Ho. The summit was organised under the theme: “Volta Rising: Building Global Partnerships for a Thriving 24-Hour Economy.”

The GSA delegation was led by the Volta Regional Manager, Mr. Joseph Rochester

Cudjoe, joined by the Head of Marketing, Mrs. Dorothy Amoah, and Flonica Akowuah. Together, the team engaged stakeholders and showcased GSA’s critical role in supporting national and regional economic transformation.

The summit convened industry leaders, policymakers, diplomats, investors, and regional stakeholders to discuss strategic pathways for sustainable growth.

Key discussions included: harnessing infrastructure competitiveness to strengthen industrial and economic capacity; tourism and cultural assets for development; highlighting the Volta Region’s unique heritage; financing models for local investments; focusing on accessible and innovative funding approaches; trade facilitation and regulatory support, aimed at enhancing business operations; and the emerging industrial cannabis

value chain, with emphasis on standards, regulations, and economic potential.

The event attracted notable dignitaries such as the Volta Regional Minister, Hon. James Gunu; Mr. Francis Kojo Kwarteng-Arthur (Esq.), CEO

of GEPA; Mr. Sylvester Mensah, CEO of EXIM BANK; members of the diplomatic corps; the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI); Mr. Augustus Goosie Tanoh, Special Advisor on the 24-Hour Economy, and traditional leaders.

The participation of the GSA Ho Office underscored its commitment to promoting quality, safety, and standards compliance as vital enablers for investment and sustainable development in the Volta Region.





GSA official educating assembly members

Bono Regional Office

GSA Engages Sunyani East, West Assembly Members on Weights and Measures Sensitisation for Cashew Sector

The Sunyani Office of the GSA has conducted a sensitisation session for Assembly Members of the Sunyani East and West Municipalities, focusing on the enforcement of the Weights and Measures Decree (NRCD 326) and the critical need for verifying weighing and measuring equipment used in trade, particularly within the cashew industry.

The engagement forms part of the Authority's continuous efforts to promote fairness, accuracy, and transparency in commercial transactions. Officers from the GSA emphasised the essential role of equipment verification in safeguarding both farmers and buyers, noting that the use of unverified or tampered scales often results in financial losses,

exploitation, and disputes along the cashew value chain.

During the discussions, stakeholders underscored the importance of strengthened collaboration between the GSA, local government authorities, and community leaders to ensure an effective verification exercise ahead of the 2025/2026 cashew season.

Assembly Members reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the Authority by educating traders and farmers within their electoral areas on the need to comply with verification requirements.

The meeting concluded with a consensus that standardisation and proper verification of weighing and measuring tools are vital for maintaining market integrity, building trust among trading partners, and sustaining economic growth in the agricultural sector.





GS 145-2:2025: Timber and Sawn Logs – Specification for Wood Poles for Overhead Power and Telecommunication Lines – Part 2 – Pine Poles

Scope:

This standard specifies requirements for pine poles, anchor logs and stability logs for overhead power and Telecommunication lines.

Why Do You Need This Standard?

Application of this standard by manufacturers ensures the production of safe and quality products, consistency in production output, protection of consumers' health and safety, enhanced competitiveness and reduction in losses.

Summary of Content:

This Ghana Standards provides producers of Timber and Sawn Logs with the Specification for Wood Poles for Overhead Power and

Telecommunication Lines – Part 2 by providing information on normative references, definitions, requirements, manufacturer's requirements, inspection and methods of test and marking. This standard has been technically reviewed: This edition cancels and replaces the previous edition GS 1452:2019 Timber and Sawn Logs – Specification for Wood Poles for Overhead Power and Telecommunication Lines – Part 2 - Pine Poles. The main changes are the revision of the recommended specie for the furniture: 4.4.1 Resin pockets and resin scars and 7.0 Marking.

Technical assistance is provided to enhance understanding of the standard content.

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7	Foundation Course on ISO 9001 (Quality Management)	Manufacturers and Service Providers, Quality/Production Managers and Staff of MMDAs	1,401.00
13-14	Foundation Course on ISO 14001 (Environmental Management)	Environmental Managers, Officers in Private Organisations and Public Organisations	1,383.00
23-24	Good Hygiene Practices in Food Industries	Production Managers and Food Process Operators	1,383.00
7	Foundation Course on ISO 9001 (Quality Management)	Manufacturers and Service Providers, Quality/Production Managers and Staff of MMDAs	1,401.00
11-14	Internal Auditors Course on ISO 9001 (Quality Management)	Manufacturers and Service Providers, Quality/Production Managers and Staff of MMDAs	2,679.00
11-14	Foundation Course in ISO/IEC 17025 (Laboratory Quality Management)	Laboratory Managers, Supervisors and Technicians	2,679.00
14	Introduction to Management Systems (FD 107)	Quality/Production Managers and Staff of MMDAs	1,080.00
18-21	Internal Auditors Course in ISO 22000 (Food Safety)	Economic Operators in the Food Chain, Food Processors, Restaurateurs and Caterers	2,679.00
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