



## GSA Debunks Cement Price Hike Claims, Says Jan. 19 Increase False

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) has dismissed as false reports suggesting that the price of cement is set to increase by GH¢6 on Monday, January 19, 2026.

In a public notice issued by the Authority and signed by the Director-General (DG), Prof. George Agyei on Saturday, January 17, 2025, it clarified that neither it nor the Cement Manufacturing Development Committee (CMDC), has issued any directive approving a price increment.

According to the GSA, the CMDC, which includes the

Authority, has not made any decision to adjust cement prices.

“The notice circulating about a GH¢6 price increment of cement on Monday, 19th January 2026, is false,” the statement said.

The GSA further urged the public to exercise caution and avoid acting on unverified information, warning that misinformation could create unnecessary panic in the market.

The Authority is advising consumers, businesses and

industry stakeholders to rely only on its official communication channels for accurate and timely information.

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

## Mission

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

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- Excellence
- Customer-focus
- Integrity
- Teamwork

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Mr. Quarcoopome, CEO of Nexans Kabelmetal, in a handshake with Prof. Agyei



## Nexans Kabelmetal Ghana CEO Pays Courtesy Call on Director-General

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Nexans Kabelmetal (Ghana) Ltd., producers of nexans cables, Mr. Alexander Quarcoopome, on Thursday, January 15, 2026, paid a visit to the Director-General (DG) of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Professor George Agyei, to congratulate him on his appointment as the Acting head of the Authority and discuss issues of mutual interests.

Mr. Quarcoopome, who was accompanied by his Sales and Marketing Director, Mr. Michael Bani, stated during the meeting that his outfit is

excited to partner with the GSA and will support its cause in championing quality across the electrical cable industry.

The delegation raised some concerns over the influx of counterfeit cables and called on the DG to help address the issue.

“We have been in existence since the 60s, and we are very happy to have you on board as not only our regulator but as partners in producing quality electrical cables. We have some issues about the influx of counterfeit cables which is affecting the industry,

and we are appealing to you to address the issue,” Mr. Quarcoopome said.

Prof. Agyei, on his part, expressed appreciation to the Nexans Kablemetal CEO for his kind words and pledged the Authority’s support and collaboration to help sanitise and improve the electrical cable industry.

He added that his institution is working hard to address the issue of substandard cables on the market and has come up with a digital verification tool to help identify counterfeit cables and at the same time



introduced enforcement officers onto the markets to inspect and confiscate these substandard products.

“You have been a good corporate citizen all these years and we hope you will keep the pace. You are an action leader, and we know your activities are providing jobs for the teeming youth of this country. Your issues are legitimate and we are working very hard to resolve them,” Prof. Agyei added.





Group photograph of Mr. Hightower (3rd from left), Prof. Agyei and other Officials of GSA, EV house and Rigworld

## Director-General Receives Delegation from EV House Ltd.

On Friday, January 16, 2026, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of EV House Ltd., Mr. Edward T. Hightower, led a delegation to pay a visit to the Acting Director-General (Ag. DG) of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Professor George Agyei, at the head office in Accra.

The visit was undertaken with the participation of Rig World.

The delegation included Mr. Christopher Attipoe, Marketing and Sales Manager.

The meeting, among other things, sought to congratulate Prof. Agyei on his appointment and introduce the EV House Ltd. company to him.

EV House Ltd., a subsidiary of Accra EV (GH) Ltd., is a premium electric car and pick-up truck marketing, fleet management, and e-mobility solutions company that enables businesses, governments, and consumers in Ghana and across Africa to adopt EVs smartly.

During the discussions, Mr. Hightower expressed his excitement at meeting the Ag. DG, and noted that the meeting will mark the beginning of a new relationship with the Authority.

He expressed his organisation's willingness to work with GSA to ensure that his outfit's vehicles meet all the international standards and requirements.

Prof. Agyei was grateful to the EV delegation for the visit, informing them that his outfit's doors were open for further discussions and collaborations.

He promised the delegation that GSA would include in its procurement plan the purchase of EVs for its operations.

"I am grateful for your visit and excited to see what this partnership has for the future. Moving forward, about 20% of our vehicle purchases will be EVs in a bid to reduce fuel dependency and promote green industrial growth," Prof. Agyei said.

The EV House team explained how its all-electric pick-up works and invited the DG to test

drive the vehicle within the GSA's premises.

EV House Ltd. officially commenced operations in Ghana

last year, with the launch of two electric vehicles – the Geely Riddara RD6 and the Geely Geome Panda Mini – in what industry experts describe

as a major step toward the country's transition to sustainable mobility.



*Prof. Agyei test driving an Electric Vehicle*







*Madam Diana Amponsah welcoming the LiSA officials to GSA*

## 2 LiSA Officials Undergo Training at GSA

As part of a collaboration between the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) and the Liberian Standards Authority (LiSA), instituted by the European Union (EU) and United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), two LiSA staff in the past week have been undergoing training at the GSA.

The exercise seeks to provide hands-on training in testing, standards development, inspection, and certification and enhance the operational capacity of the LiSA staff and enable the institution to deliver more effective services, in support of Liberia's national quality infrastructure.

The officials, Mr. Mathew F. Zewi and Mr. Alieu Rogers, who will be with the Authority for two-weeks, expressed their appreciation to the GSA for hosting them and noted that the training will equip them with the right tools and knowledge which will be beneficial for their institution.

According to them, they are very enthusiastic and ready to learn and appealed to GSA to open up more so that they could enjoy the full benefits of the training programme.

Madam Alice Donya, Acting Director of Standards, who received the LiSA team, extended the Director-General's best wishes to them, assuring the visitors that the Authority was ready

to support them during their stay.

The Acting Director of Inspectorate, Madam Genevieve Baah-Mante, said the Authority was happy to host the LiSA officials and that they learning from GSA was a step in the right direction.

"It gives me great pleasure to have you all here. I hope this collaboration will escalate to a higher one so we can move together. Let's be a force on this part of the continent. Anglophone West Africa should unite to promote standardisation on the continent," she noted.

The officials will tour various laboratories and departments during their 2-weeks stay in the Authority.



Madam Genevieve Baah-Mante



Madam Alice Donya



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

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### #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**  
**Director-General**  
**Ghana Standards Authority**

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Mr. Abdul-Malik A. Ayamba (middle), and his team educating listeners

## Ahafo Regional Office

### GSA Educates Goaso Residents on Product Certification and Labelling

In December last year, the Ghana Standards Authority's (GSA) Ahafo Regional Office engaged residents of Goaso and surrounding communities in an informative discussion on Nananom FM, shedding light on product certification and food labelling requirements.

Mr. Seth Adu-Poku and Mr. David Nii Ayi Tagoe, were delegated by the Regional Manager, Mr. Abdul-Malik A. Ayamba, to represent the Authority. The discussion focused on GSA's role in

ensuring product safety, quality, and consumer protection.

Mr. Adu-Poku explained the certification process, outlining which products can be certified and encouraging small and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs) to visit the GSA office in Goaso for guidance. "Certification helps businesses gain consumer trust and ensures products meet regulatory standards," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Tagoe highlighted Ghana's food packaging and labelling requirements under the Food, Drugs, and Other Goods Rules, 1992 (L.I. 1541). He emphasised that both local and imported products must clearly display essential information, including product name, list of ingredients, manufacture and expiry dates, net content, manufacturer's details, country of origin, batch number, storage conditions, and usage instructions.



The objectives of labelling, Mr. Adu-Poku noted, are to protect consumers, ensure safety and quality, provide accurate product information, support traceability, and promote fair trade. He urged consumers of products to be sure labels are written in English, legible, indelible, and not misleading. “Labels can be printed, embossed, stamped, or impressed, but they must be clear and accurate,” he added.

The GSA team concluded by encouraging the public to report suspicious or unsafe products to the regional office. Listeners of Nananom FM were invited to share comments and questions

during the live phone-in segment, making the session interactive and informative.

The GSA commended Nananom FM for the opportunity to engage directly with the community and promote awareness of standards that protect both consumers and businesses.



Mr. Lartey (middle) and his team members conducting an inspection

## Eastern Regional Office

### GSA Conducts Inspection at Osofo Maame Enterprise

As part of the ongoing efforts by the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) to promote safe and high-quality products on the Ghanaian market, the Eastern Regional Office, led by the Regional Manager, Mr. Andrew Lartey, conducted a comprehensive inspection at Osofo Maame Enterprise, producers of the popular Osofo Maame Pepper Sauce, as part of its product certification process.

During the visit, the team engaged with management and staff, taking a closer look at the facility's production practices, hygiene standards, ingredient handling, and

packaging processes. The team was amazed with the dedication of the workers and their commitment to producing a sauce that many households have come to enjoy.

The production staff and management of the enterprise were provided with practical guidance on Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), documentation, sanitation, and quality control procedures.

The inspection was conducted not only to assess compliance but to support the enterprise in strengthening its operations to meet national standards.

Management of Osofo Maame Enterprise expressed appreciation for the visit, noting that the feedback and on-site education will help enhance their product and expand market opportunities.





# GS 197:2025: Wood and Wood Products – Specification for Wooden Doors

## Scope:

This Ghana Standard specifies the requirements regarding material, size, construction, finish and tests for wooden doors.

## 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 wood and wood products with the

specification for wooden doors by providing information on normative references, Terms and definitions, Classification, General requirements, Materials, Flush doors with cellular core, Flush doors with intermediate rail core, Flush doors with blockboard core, Flush Doors with Particleboard Core, Joinery doors – ledged and braced, Joinery doors – framed and ledged and/or braced, Joinery doors – panelled, Joinery doors – louvred, Marking/Labelling, Sampling and criteria for conformity.

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

This standard is available for **REFERENCE** and **SALE** at the Documentation and Information Centre, The Head Office, Ghana Standards Authority.

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