



Hon. Ofosu-Adjare addressing cement manufacturers

Trade Minister Reaffirms GSA's Critical Role in Cement Industry, Dismiss Claims of Price Hikes

The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry (MoTAI), Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, has reaffirmed the critical role the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) plays in ensuring the quality of cement being produced on the Ghanaian market.

She called on cement manufacturers to adhere to the standards and cooperate with the GSA in carrying out its mandate.

Hon. Ofosu-Adjare assured consumers and the public that cement sold on the market will strictly conform

to declared specifications, whether labelled 32.5 or 42.5 grade.

She made this known during an engagement held together with the leadership of the GSA, and the Chamber of Cement Manufacturers

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The MoTAI Minister and her Deputy in a meeting with COCMAG and GSA leadership

Ghana (COCMAG), to address emerging issues in the cement industry and ensure stability, fairness and compliance across the sector.

Addressing concerns over cement pricing, Hon. Oforu-Adjare clarified that there has been no increase in cement prices, contrary to speculation circulating in the public domain. She explained that government has been working closely with manufacturers under existing regulatory frameworks to promote fairness for both producers and consumers.

According to the Minister, while cement prices were relatively higher towards the

end of 2024 - with the 42.5 grade selling at approximately GHC118 and the 32.5 grade at about GHC113 - prices have since declined.

Currently, the 42.5 grade of cement is selling at around GHC107, while the 32.5 grade is retailing between GHC80 and GHC85, reflecting increased competition and improved macroeconomic stability.

The Minister acknowledged that factors such as exchange rate movements, energy costs and electricity tariffs influence production costs but emphasised that manufacturers have assured the Ministry of their commitment to maintaining

affordable prices for consumers. She also announced plans for the Ministry, in collaboration with cement manufacturers, to intensify public education on cement pricing, including ex-factory price declarations, to enhance transparency and public understanding of how prices are determined.

The Trade Minister commended COCMAG for its openness, cooperation and willingness to comply with the law, and assured the public that government will continue to engage industry players to safeguard price stability, quality assurance and consumer protection within the cement sector.

The Chief Executive Officer of COCMAG, Bishop Dr. George Dawson-Ahmoah, commended the Trade Minister and the GSA for their bold leadership and the cordial relationship that has been maintained between government and cement manufacturers over the years.

He described the current collaboration as constructive and essential for maintaining sanity, transparency and mutual understanding within the industry. Dr. Dawson-Ahmoah noted that while the Chamber supports healthy competition in the cement market, it remains firmly opposed to unfair trade practices.

He said discussions with the Ministry have focused on ensuring a level playing field for all manufacturers, strict adherence to existing laws, and full compliance with quality standards. He further assured the Ministry of COCMAG's commitment to self-regulation, stressing that member companies continue to take steps to ensure cement produced in Ghana meets required specifications.

The COCMAG CEO reaffirmed the Chamber's readiness to remain engaged with government through the Ministry in the interest of building a compliant, competitive and sustainable cement industry.



Bishop Dr. Dawson-Ahmoah making a point at the meeting





Prof. Agyei presenting the Certification Mark to the GoldBod CEO

Every Refined Gold Bar to Bear GSA Certification Mark – GoldBod CEO

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Ghana Gold Board (GoldBod), Mr. Sammy Gyamfi, has stated that every refined gold bar by the Gold Coast Refinery will have the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) Certification Mark and emblems of the GoldBod, the Bank of Ghana (BoG) and the Gold Coast Refinery.

He made this known during the signing of a landmark gold refining agreement between the Government of Ghana, through the GoldBod and Gold Coast Refinery, an Egyptian-owned company based in Ghana, last Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

“Each refined gold bar will bear the emblems of GoldBod, the Ghana

Standards Authority (GSA), the Bank of Ghana (BoG) and Gold Coast Refinery, and will meet internationally accepted standards,” Mr. Gyamfi said.

This, he added, will mark a new dawn in the precious minerals market and will enable Ghana’s gold compete internationally with high-class standards.

The gold refining partnership seeks to reduce Ghana’s long-standing reliance on exporting raw gold, a practice that has historically led to significant revenue losses that could otherwise be captured through domestic refining and downstream processing.

Under the agreement, gold sourced from both artisanal

and large-scale mining operations will be refined locally for trade and export, bolstering Ghana’s position along the global gold value chain.

In the meantime, The GSA and GoldBod have partnered to roll out a new national initiative to standardise and calibrate gold weighing scales across the country. The programme is expected to ensure accurate measurement, guarantee fair pricing for miners and buyers, and foster greater transparency throughout the gold value chain.



Spectromaxx LMA010 Chemical Analyser

GSA Procures 2 Key Testing Equipment

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) has procured two (2) key testing equipment which will help test the quality of metal products (Aluminium and Steel) on the country. The two testing equipment are the Spectromaxx LMA010 Chemical Analyser and the Axiotek Hardness Tester both installed at the Engineering Department.

The Spectromaxx LMA010 Chemical Analyser, is used in the determination of the chemical composition of metals. Some elements to be analyzed are iron, carbon, aluminium, copper, zinc, tin, sulphur, phosphorus, nitrogen, manganese, magnesium etc.

Some of the samples to be tested are:

1. Steel bars/plates/pipes
2. Roofing sheets
3. LPG cylinders
4. EC grade aluminium rods
5. Matchets
6. Steel balls
7. Cookwares
8. Washbasins
9. Ingots
10. Sheet-in-coils

The Axiotek Hardness Tester is used to test the hardness of metals, it measures a material's resistance to permanent deformation, usually by indenting the surface with a hard object under a

specific load. Hardness test is essential for determining material strength, wear resistance, and suitability for engineering applications.

Some of the samples to be tested are:

1. Matchets
2. Steel plates/pipes
3. Steel balls
4. Bolts and nuts
5. Machine parts and other steel products

The Head of Engineering at the GSA, Engr. Mawuli T. Tsaku noted that "In recent times, the quality of some roofing sheets for instance has become a problem in

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Axiotek Hardness Tester

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Ghana. The Authority, for some time now, received a lot of complains about the quality of some roofing sheets on the market. They rust easily and we suspect substandard materials are used for the production; that's the justification for buying the equipment," he said.

He added that the equipment will help GSA ensure that roofing sheets and other products manufactured or imported into the country, meet the standards, making clients and consumers confident enough when buying these products.



Ms. Christabel Boatema Abedi demonstrating the use of the Chemical Analyser



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
Director-General
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Group photograph of FWSC, PSC team, Prof. Agyei (6th from right) and other GSA management members

FWSC, PSC Organise Training on Pilot Pay-For-Performance Framework for GSA Management Members

A team from the Fair Wages and Salaries Commission (FWSC) and the Public Services Commission (PSC), on Thursday, January 22, 2026, engaged various directors and heads of departments of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) on hands-on guidance and operational support, particularly to ensure the smooth on-boarding and alignment of the Linking Pay to Performance and Productivity (LPPP/LP3) pilot programme.

The PSC and FWSC are working together

to implement a digitised Performance Management System (PMS) for public servants, shifting from old appraisals to continuous, goal-focused systems for better efficiency, linking pay to performance, and improving productivity through planning, monitoring, reviewing, and rewarding, using a mixed top-down/bottom-up approach.

Prior to the engagement with management members, the team met with the Director-General (DG), Professor George Agyei, and other top management members, to

update him on work done so far and discuss ways they could help to improve the system.

Mr. Cephas Amada, Director of Performance Management at the FWSC, noted that his institution and GSA has had a very good relationship over the years, and encouraged the DG to support the PMS to help improve the productivity of staff.

Prof. Agyei, for his part, was grateful for the visit and assured the PSC and FWSC team of his staff support and

resolve to implement the system effectively.

During the training session with the GSA management members, the Deputy Director-General in charge of Operations (DDG-OPS), Dr. Awal Mohammed, informed the FWSC and PSC delegation that his staff were ready to take on the challenge and have their support in implementing the system.

Mr. Amada, while encouraging the management members to take the training seriously, stated that GSA was one of the 21 agencies selected for the implementation of the pilot programme because the government had a high regard for the Authority and sees the institution as very viable and self-sufficient and is backing us to succeed once the system was implemented fully.

Last year, the President of Ghana, John Dramani Mahama, unveiled a comprehensive pay-for-performance and productivity framework, coupled with the planned roll-out of a digital clock-in system for public and civil servants.

The newly introduced pay-for-performance framework seeks to directly link public sector salaries and rewards to measurable output, effort, and accountability. The framework, developed by the Ministry of Finance, FWSC, and the PSC, is set to be piloted starting January 2026, with GSA amongst the selected agencies to implement the system.



Mr. Amada taking management members through the training



LiSA officers, Mr. Alieu Rogers and Mr. Mathew F. Zewi (holding their certificates), in a group photograph with GSA officials

2 LiSA Officials End GSA Tour

The two (2) Liberian Standards Authority (LiSA) officials who were on a study at the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) from Monday, January 12, 2026, have ended their tour.

In a brief closing meeting held at the Authority's premises on Friday, January 26, 2026, they expressed their gratitude to the GSA for their warm reception and lessons they gathered during their time with the Authority.

They explained that they got a lot of information they will be taking back to Liberia and are proud of the time spent here.

"Since our stay here, you have been so warm and welcoming. Your team are very professional and have really helped us and we appreciate it. We appeal that you will help us with your certification and inspectorate documents to help us implement a similar procedure in our country. It will help us greatly to improve our institution," Mr. Alieu Rogers said.

Madam Alice Donya, the Ag. Director of Standards, stated during the meeting, that the Authority was honoured to host the LiSA officials and hope that they practicalise the lessons gathered from

their stay when they return.

"This is the hallmark of GSA. We strive for excellence and we want our stakeholders to learn from us. We hope that you will take the lessons learnt here very seriously and we will recommend that you come back to learn more," she said.



Madam Genevieve Baah-Mante presenting the certificate to Mr. Alieu Rogers



Madam Genevieve Baah-Mante presenting the certificate to Mr. Mathew F. Zewi



Alice Donya (2nd from left), Ag. Director, Standards, expressing a point





Mr. Ofosu-Koranteng addressing stakeholders at the AGM

Bono East Regional Office GSA Participates in Cashew Council of Ghana's AGM

The GSA participated in Cashew Council of Ghana (CCG) Annual General Meeting (AGM), held at Encom hotel Techiman in December last year. The AGM featured key government and non-governmental agencies such as the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA), Quality Control, Tree Crop Development Authority (TCDA), representatives of traders, exporters, producers and processors associations.

In the event, Mr. Francis Ofosu-Koranteng, the GSA Regional Manager, and Mr.

Eric Akoto, the Regional Verification Officer, sought to strengthen the collaboration between the CCG and other cashew value chain operators, to support the Authority promote the culture of standards and fairness in trade practices through calibration and verification of trading scales.

Mr. Akoto emphasised that the scale verification activity is backed by law, that is the GSA Act 2022 (Act 1078), adding that the initiative aims to promote fair trade practice and ensure consumers receive value for money, especially

those who use scales in the cashew industry.

He also mentioned that GSA conducts regular calibration exercise to ensure the scales meet the required standards and cautioned the operators to identify a calibrated and certified scales with green stickers and a compliant trading scale with red sticker.

He warned that traders found with manipulated or unverified scale would face penalties, including fines and suspension.



Mr. Lartey and his team conducting the inspection

Eastern Regional Office

GSA Conducts Inspections at Water Manufacturing Companies

As part of the Ghana Standards Authority's (GSA) mandate to ensure the safety and quality of drinking water on the Ghanaian market, the Eastern Regional Office undertook comprehensive factory inspections at two key facilities: Mical Nyame Nsa Ventures in Amanokrom, and Kofsalsu Company Limited in Akuapem Mampong.

The inspections were carried out as part of the product certification process to verify compliance with established standards.

The inspection exercise, conducted by officials from the GSA Regional Office, led by the Regional Manager,

Mr. Andrew Lartey, forms a critical component of the Authority's regulatory activities.

It focused on assessing the companies' adherence to national and international standards, evaluating production processes, examining quality assurance systems, and confirming that finished products meet prescribed safety and performance requirements.

At Mical Nyame Nsa Ventures, manufacturers of sachet-bagged drinking water, the team performed a comprehensive evaluation of the production lines. Key areas of focus included hygiene practices, packaging

accuracy, quality control procedures, storage conditions, and the general state of the production environment. The facility received commendable feedback regarding its compliance efforts.

The team subsequently visited Kofsalsu Company Limited, producers of sachet water. The inspection reviewed the company's production processes, hygienic practices, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure alignment with required standards.





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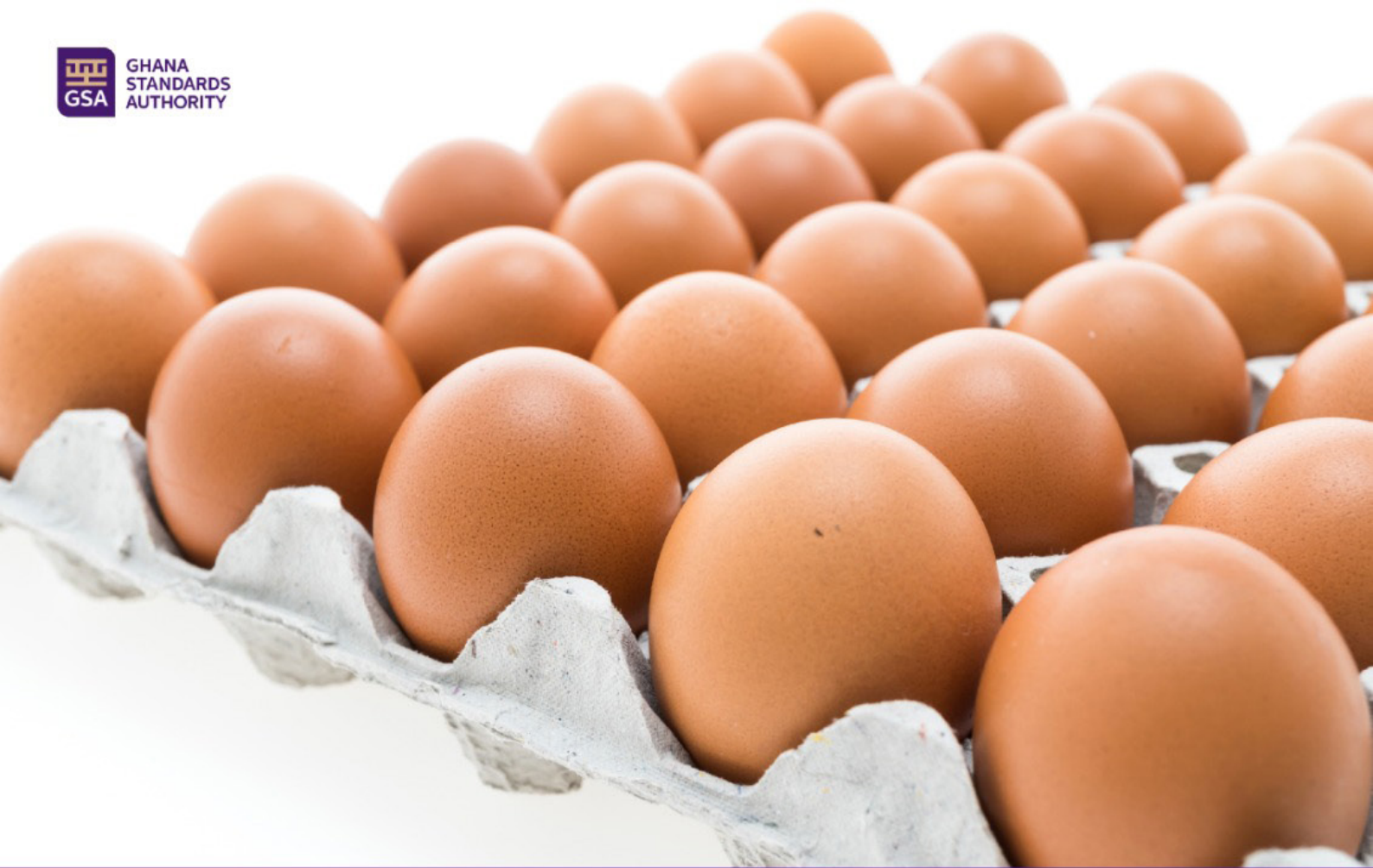
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GS 1261:2019/AMD. 1:2022: Poultry and Eggs – Specification For Edible Eggs – In – Shell

Scope:

This Ghana Standard specifies requirements and methods of test for edible eggs - in - shell fit for human consumption.

Why Do You Need This Standard?

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

Summary of Content:

This Ghana Standard provides producers of poultry and eggs with the specification for Edible Eggs-in-shell by providing information

on requirements, grading, contaminants, hygiene, microbiological requirements, packaging and labelling, storage, transportation, sampling, methods of analysis and criteria for conformity.

This standard has been amended twice as follows:

Amendment 1- GS 1261:2019/AMD.1:2022: Specification for Tolerances, Egg Size & Labelling in Table 2 - Tolerances for the Defects of Edible Eggs - in – Shell and Amendment 2 -GS 1261: 2019/AMD. 2 2025 which specifies changes to sections of the labelling requirements (Clause 8.2).

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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DATE	PROGRAMME	TARGET GROUPS	FEE (GHC)
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		Quality/Production Managers and Staff of MMDAs	1,080.00
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12-13	Introduction to Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point	Stakeholders in the Oil Marketing Companies	1,383.00
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