



Prof. Agyei addressing management members

Director-General Calls on Staff to Take Preventive and Planned Maintenance Seriously

The Director-General (DG) of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Professor George Agyei, has called on staff to take preventive and planned maintenance of equipment as well as the protection of the office space and environment seriously.

This, he said, will help prolong the lifespan of the equipment procured and promote a safe and efficient working environment.

Speaking to management members during last week's

2025 Performance and 2026 Draft Work Programme meeting, Prof. Agyei noted that the staff should own the equipment in their various laboratories and treat them as their own and report any defect or repair works on time to extend the shelf life of these equipment.

"I have noticed that my staff wait till equipment breakdown or supplies get finished before they make requests for it to be repaired and replaced which should not be the case. The

equipment are being used by you, so you have to observe it and put measures in place to prevent it from breaking down. The same goes for supplies. This will help protect the equipment and improve the overall environment of the Authority," Prof. Agyei noted.

He further reiterated the importance of staff and asked that they all put their shoulders to the wheel to improve the fortunes of the organisation.

Vision

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
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Group photograph of GSA staff

GSA Associations Hold National Chocolate Day Celebration

On Friday, February 13, 2026, the Administrative Staff Association, Scientific Staff Association, and Senior Staff Association of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), collaborated to organise a National Chocolate Day celebration at the Authority's Head Office in Accra.

The event, held under the theme: *"Love at Work and Beyond: Serving with Hearts"*, aimed to promote unity, teamwork, and productivity among staff by fostering a sense of togetherness and shared experience.

In an opening address, the Head of Marketing at the GSA, Mrs. Dorothy Amoah,

on behalf of management, encouraged staff to seize the opportunity to reconnect and build meaningful relationships with their colleagues.

"Let us take the opportunity to make new friends, reunite and create an environment of love. Going forward, days like these will serve as a symbol of unity to urge us to work hard," she said.

Representatives from Empack Company Limited, esteemed clients of GSA, also joined in the celebration, participating in photo opportunities and receiving tokens of appreciation in the form of chocolates.

The event featured chocolate distribution across all directorates and a fun-filled photo session with a customised Photo Booth frame, allowing staff to capture memorable moments with colleagues.

The Associations would like to extend its appreciation to Nkwa Indigenous Foods Limited, Everything Cacao GH Limited for their kind donation and support towards the National Chocolate Day celebration.







Ms. Gorica Vučović in a group picture with Scientific staff

BSI Trainer Encourages GSA Staff to Take Capacity Building Seriously, Urges Management to Organise More Training for Staff

A trainer contracted by the British Standards Institution (BSI) to train Histamine and Mycotoxin Laboratory staff has encouraged officers of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) to take trainings organised for them seriously, as it will help improve their work and ensure that standards are being adhered to.

The trainer, Ms. Gorica Vučović, made this statement during one of the training sessions.

“You have a good knowledge of some of the topics, and I am confident that this training will help equip you with the skills to perform your duties. Please take all these trainings seriously as it will further strengthen your skills and will make you more efficient in executing your mandate,” she noted.

She further urged management members to organise more trainings for their staff and support them which will go a long way to build trust and competence for the GSA staff.

As part of the Standards Partnership (SP) Programme, funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), and implemented by the BSI, Ms. Gorica has been contracted to conduct a comprehensive training session for scientific officers of the GSA.

The training session is focusing on familiarising participants with new equipment, enhancing laboratory capabilities, and analysing aflatoxins and mycotoxins.





GSA Now on Tiktok

The Public Relations Department is pleased to inform staff that the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) has officially launched its presence on TikTok as part of ongoing efforts to increase the Authority's visibility and digital engagement.

This forms part of a broader strategy to enhance public awareness of GSA's mandate, activities, and impact, while reaching a wider and more diverse audience.

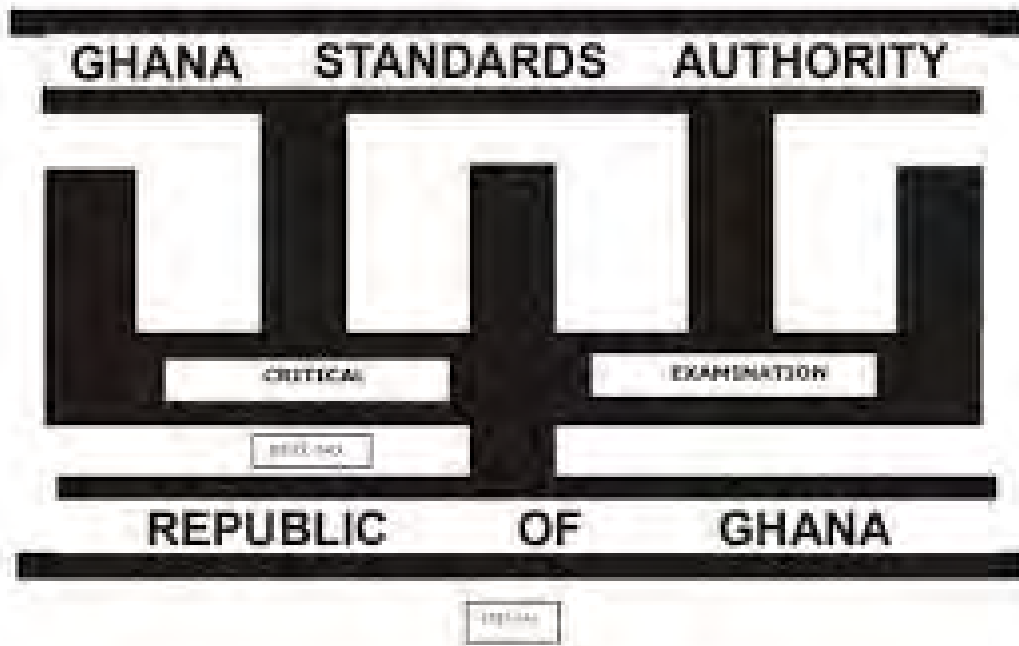
Staff are kindly encouraged to follow GSA's official TikTok account, engage with our content by liking, reposting, and actively supporting our digital outreach efforts.

We further entreat all staff to continue following, liking, sharing, and reposting content

across our official social media platforms listed below:

1. TikTok:
@ghanastandardsauthority
2. Facebook: Ghana Standards Authority
3. X (formerly Twitter):
@GhanaStandards
4. Instagram: Ghana Standards Authority
5. LinkedIn: Ghana Standards Authority

Together, we can strengthen our online presence and ensure that accurate, reliable, and timely information about GSA reaches the public.



A Glimpse into GSA's Certification Directorate

By Deborah Delali Mawusi

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), established in the 1967, plays a crucial role in developing, promoting, and publishing standards in Ghana. As the national standards body, the GSA ensures that products and services meet acceptable standards, promoting safety, quality, and fair trade.

One of the key functions of GSA is certification, which involves verifying that products and services meet specified standards for safety, reliability, and quality.

The Certification Directorate, comprising three departments - Product Certification, Management System Certification, and Industrial Support - works tirelessly

to promote standardisation and quality assurance.

Product Certification provides a seal of approval for products, ensuring that they meet specific standards for safety, quality, and performance.

The Standard Mark, issued by GSA, is a mark of conformity that provides evidence of compliance, assuring safety and value for money.

Management System Certification, on the other hand, verifies that an organisation's management system conforms to international standards, issued after a third-party audit.

The main focus of the Industrial Support Department is to help fulfil GSA's mandate of

promoting standardisation for the improvement of the quality of goods, services and sound management, environmental and safety practices in industries and public institutions by providing training to industry.

Certification serves as a badge of honour, indicating an organisation's commitment to quality, safety, and efficiency. It enhances credibility, reputation, and trust among clients and stakeholders, and is a vital aspect of businesses and industries.

By obtaining certification, organisations demonstrate their adherence to internationally recognised standards, gaining a competitive edge in the market.

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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Ghana Standards Authority

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Mr. John Agyapong , Eastern Regional Director, HeFRA and Mr. Andrew Lartey, GSA Eastern Regional manager

Eastern Regional Office

Eastern Regional Manager Visits HeFRA Regional Director

The Eastern Regional Manager of the GSA, Mr Andrew Lartey, on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, led a delegation to visit the Regional Office of the Health Facilities Regulatory Agency (HeFRA) in Koforidua.

The meeting paved the way for stronger ties and collaboration between both agencies to ensure safety within health institutions in the region, by enforcing compliance with standard regulations and discussing issues of mutual interest.

The visit by the Authority served as a means to officially congratulate Mr. John Agyapong as the HeFRA Regional Director and the

good works the institution is executing by ensuring that both government and private health institutions are fully compliant with statutory health regulations in their delivery to clients and patients.

During the meeting, Mr. Lartey educated officials of HeFRA on the GSA Act 2022 (Act 1078), which empowers the Authority to duly calibrate all medical devices and instruments within health facilities. This, he said, will ensure that accurate readings are taken on patients in the health care delivery system in the country.

“The essence of calibration is to ascertain accuracy levels of all medical instruments in conformance with requirements in ISO 9001:2000 and also satisfy provisions of the GSA Act 1078, which is mandatory,” he said.

The GSA delegation raised some concerns over the reluctance of some health facilities in engaging the Authority on calibration matters, citing third party entities calibrating medical instruments without prior notice to the GSA.

In response, Mr. Agyapong assured Mr. Larrey and his team that his outfit will henceforth streamline their activities to ensure full compliance by health facilities to satisfy all mandatory requirements of the GSA.

He mentioned that some health facilities engage private engineers with the

use of MoUs to have their calibrations done, but once Mr. Larrey has enlightened him on GSA's mandate and services backed by law, he would duly ensure full compliance by health agencies by engaging the GSA.

The GSA Regional Manager and his team expressed

gratitude to the Regional HeFRA team for their cooperation to ensure full compliance with mandatory standards and pledged full cooperation in future collaborations to ensure sanity in health care delivery.





Participants at the business forum

Ahafo Regional Office

Regional Office Participates in Ahafo Regional Business Forum

Staff of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) in the Ahafo Region participated in the Ahafo Regional Business Forum held on Thursday, December 18, 2025.

The forum was organised by the Ahafo Regional Coordinating Council (ARCC), in collaboration with Metropolitan, Municipal, and District Assemblies (MMDAs), GIZ, and the Ahafo Regional Business Chamber, to promote business growth and investment in the region.

The forum was addressed by dignitaries including Hon. Joseph Akparibo, the Municipal Chief Executive (MCE) for Asunafo North, and Mr. Joseph Frimpong, Acting Regional Coordinating Director.

The Regional Development Planning Director, Mr. Jacob A. Ntiamoah, outlined the key objectives of the forum which included creating a common platform for government and private sector dialogue on business and investment promotion; identifying business opportunities linked to the local economy and key government initiatives such as the 24-Hour Economy Policy, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and the Feed Ghana Programme; providing space for the business community to present challenges and explore solutions; and establishing a framework for continuous engagement between government and the private sector.

He further noted that the forum also sought to identify potential Public–Private Partnership (PPP) opportunities and implementation strategies. According to Mr. Ntiamoah, the forum aligns with ARCC’s mandate to coordinate, monitor, and evaluate development interventions to enhance public–private collaboration and accelerate local economic development.

In her closing remarks, the Ahafo Regional Minister, Hon. Charity Gardiner, described the forum as an important platform for fostering collaboration, addressing business constraints, and promoting sustainable economic development in the Ahafo Region.

She expressed appreciation to all participants, speakers, organisers, and stakeholders for contributing to a successful engagement. “Together, we

are building a resilient and business-friendly Ahafo that creates jobs, drives innovation, and delivers inclusive development for

our people. Ahafo is open for business, and the future is bright,” the Minister said.



Charity Gardiner, Ahafo Regional Minister



Mr. Joseph Frimpong, Acting Regional Coordinating Director, Ahafo





Participants at the workshop

Ashanti Regional Office

GSA's Ashanti Regional Office Participates in Draft Energy Performance Certification Regulations Workshop

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) recently participated in a stakeholders' workshop to review the Draft Energy Performance Certification (EPC) Regulations, organised by the Energy Commission of Ghana and sponsored by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). Held on February 10, 2026, at the Sunset Hotel in Kumasi, the workshop brought together government agencies, industry stakeholders, and technical experts to gather input on certifying building energy performance.

The EPC aims to mitigate carbon emissions in Ghana by promoting energy-efficient buildings and sustainable

building practices. Represented by Mr. Eugene Antwi Nuamah, GSA proffered several recommendations to the draft regulations, including leveraging GS 1207:2018 and other pertinent national standards as the technical baseline for the Energy Performance Certification Regulations.

Additionally, GSA advised that benchmarking artefacts for buildings be designed with flexibility to reflect the country's diverse climatic and environmental conditions.

The Energy Commission assured that these standards and considerations will be incorporated into the EPC guidelines, underscoring GSA's pivotal role in promoting energy

efficiency and sustainable building practices in Ghana.

The workshop facilitated collaboration, knowledge sharing, and stakeholder engagement, ensuring the Draft EPC Regulations are pragmatic, standards-based, and adaptable to Ghana's heterogeneous building and environmental contexts. GSA's contributions underscore the imperative of technical rigour and flexibility in advancing energy efficiency and reducing emissions, supporting the collective endeavour toward sustainable, high-performance buildings nationwide.



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GS 1173:2017(2025): Wood and Wood Products – Desks, Tables and Computer Stands

Scope:

This Standard Document specifies the characteristics of desks, tables and computer stands.

It includes workstation furniture and covers items that are freestanding and items that are integrated into office partitions.

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 Desks, Tables and Computer Stands by providing information on normative references, terms and definitions, requirements, marking, inspection and methods of test.

This standard has been technically reviewed and confirmed. Now GS 1173:2017(2025).

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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