



Mr. Richard Sackey demonstrating how calibration is done

GSA Educates Traders, Public on Certification Mark, Importance of Weighing Scales in Trade

Staff of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), on Tuesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 2, 2026, engaged the public during a market outreach programme held at the Tema Community 1 and Makola Markets, respectively.

The exercise was aimed at educating traders and

consumers on the importance of weighing scales in trade, promoting the patronage of locally manufactured goods bearing the made-in-Ghana logo and how to identify GSA-certified products.

The team, led by senior members of the Metrology Directorate, engaged the

traders on how the use of weighing scales ensures price precision between sellers and buyers.

The GSA crew calibrated some of the weighing scales, and those that passed were embossed with green stickers

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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.

Core Values

- Excellence
- Customer-focus
- Integrity
- Teamwork

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Mr. Francis Boatey and other GSA staff explaining the importance of calibration to a trader

indicating that the weighing scales were accurate.

The staff displayed placards and shared brochures highlighting the importance of using an accurate weighing scale and how the use of weighing scale in trade ensures price precision at the marketplace, prevents losses, ensures regulatory compliance and ensures fair trade between traders and consumers.

Some of the traders expressed their resolve to use weighing scales to sell but called on the GSA to continue its sensitisation drive and help them acquire scales to sustain its educational efforts.



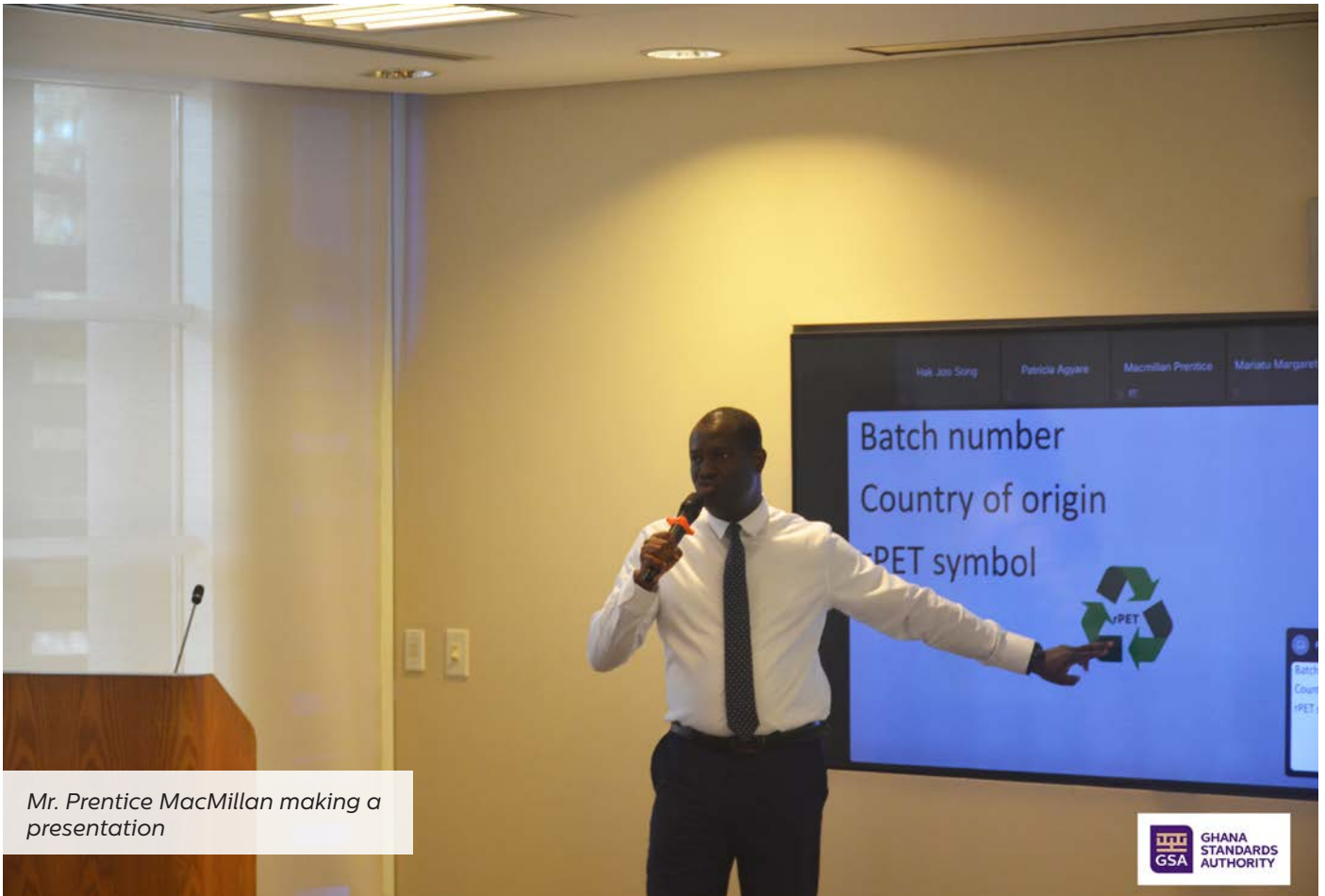












Mr. Prentice MacMillan making a presentation

GSA Holds Stakeholder Workshop on Implementation of Standards for Recycling and Recycled Polyethylene Terephthalate

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, held a stakeholder workshop on the implementation of National Standards for Recycling and Recycled Polyethylene Terephthalate (rPET).

The engagement, convened at the World Bank Office in Accra, brought together key stakeholders including

representatives of GSA, World Bank, Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry (MoTAI), Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other industry players.

The workshop was aimed at disseminating the standard and exploring

practical approaches to its implementation, particularly in the collection, segregation, sorting, and recycling of Polyethylene Terephthalate.

The initiative is expected to empower value chain actors to play a more active role in advancing the national plastic management policy, while also contributing meaningfully to the achievement of the

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The event featured presentations from Mr. Macmillan Prentice, Head of the Vehicle Homologation Unit at the GSA as well as Mr. Edward Brown and Ms. Priscilla Asantewaa Boateng from the Standards Directorate.

Discussions centred on Recycled Polyethylene Terephthalate (rPET) packaging waste projects, and regulatory framework coordination for effective implementation.

Also in attendance at the workshop were Dr. Mohammed Awal (DDG-OPS), Mr. Kofi Yeboah Debrah, Ag. Head of the Public Relations Department, Mr. Vincent Arthur from the Standards Directorate and Afia Adomako Kusi from the Vehicle Homologation Unit.



Ms. Priscilla Asantewaa Boateng



Mr. Edward Brown







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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Prof. George Agyei receiving the NDC manifesto scroll from GLA official

Delegation from Ghana Library Authority Call on Director-General

A delegation from the Ghana Library Authority (GLA), on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, called on the Director-General (DG) of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Professor George Agyei and some senior management members to

present the Manifesto Scroll of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) from 1992 – 2020.

The GLA team, led by the Technical Advisor, Mr. Delali Yao Adiamah, stated that the

manifesto scroll is a reference point for policy formulation for heads of public institutions to tease out ideas when formulating policies for their public institutions.

He added that the scroll serves as a constant reminder to public servants and government appointees that their duty is ultimately to uphold and serve the interests of the President of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama.

Prof. Agyei, on his part, commended the team for the effort invested in compiling the manifesto scroll. He noted that this is a historical and a living testimony of the capacity of the NDC to generate ideas that would be used to serve the good people of Ghana.

“Manifesto is an important compass and it’s like a sailor on the ship. If you don’t have a compass, your bearing point can just move to any direction. The manifesto is like a covenant you have made to the people of Ghana,” he said.

He further reiterated that although preparations are underway for the next five-year strategic plan, the document would serve as a guiding framework and some of its content would be considered.

Copies of the manifesto scroll were presented to the DG and his deputies.







Group photograph of Media General Delegation and GSA Management members

Media General Delegation Visits GSA

The management of Media General, a leading media company in Ghana, on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, paid a courtesy call on the Director-General of the GSA, Prof. George Agyei, at the head office of the Authority in Accra.

The courtesy call was to discuss potential collaborations with the Authority in public education campaigns on standards compliance and to explore how Media General's television, radio and digital platforms could support the GSA's communication objectives and enhance public visibility.

The delegation, which was led by its General Manager - Commercial, Mr. Daniel Amartey-Amarh, said the

visit was aimed at engaging the leadership of GSA in order to gain insight into its planned activities for the year, and to explore opportunities of partnership and collaboration.

He further reiterated that a number of initiatives are being considered, including a thought leadership event on Onua TV and TV3. He explained that these engagements would assemble key stakeholders and consumers on live television and this would give the GSA the platform to educate the public on standards and the importance of maintaining them across sectors.

He added that all ongoing efforts about public

campaigns should be sustained to run for about a year to ensure a lasting impact.

Prof. Agyei, in his remarks, stated that GSA takes its relationship with the media seriously and is very excited about this potential partnership.

"GSA is a media friendly institution because we work in the interest of the Ghanaian public. GSA stands as a main bridge between Ghana and the rest of the world, helping our manufacturers to move forward and in achieving this, we need the corporation of the media to send our message across," he noted.

He highlighted that this year the Authority is intensifying its market surveillance efforts,

adding that it has gone a step further by establishing the Greater Accra Regional Office, which will oversee the Trading Standards Inspectors (TSIs) in Accra. He also announced the introduction of a new initiative called the Market Integrity Agents, who would be deployed directly in our market space to identify and get rid of substandard products.









Product inspection staff trained in Food Safety Concepts

On Thursday, April 2, 2026, the Product Inspection Department of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), conducted a comprehensive training session, led by Ms. Comfort Ofori Essumang. The primary focus of the training was on common Critical Control Points (CCPs) monitored in the food industry.

Ms. Essumang provided an in-depth explanation of CCPs in food safety, defining them within the context of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) system. She cited examples of CCPs, including

cooking temperatures, metal detection, pH levels in canned foods, and cooling times for cooked products.

The importance of identifying CCPs for food safety was emphasised, with Ms. Essumang highlighting their role in preventing food-borne illnesses, reducing product recall risks, ensuring compliance with food safety regulations, and enhancing product quality and consistency.

The training session also covered the HACCP system, which involves identifying, evaluating, and controlling biological, chemical, and

physical hazards from raw materials to finished products. Ms. Essumang outlined the 12 steps of HACCP, comprising five preliminary steps and seven core principles.

The session concluded with a question-and-answer segment and a brain teaser activity designed to engage staff and stimulate their thinking. Overall, the training session proved to be informative and insightful, equipping staff with valuable knowledge in CCPs and HACCP principles.



Madam Genevieve Baah-Mante, Ag. Director, Inspectorate Directorate



Ms. Comfort Ofori Essuman training staff





Appointments/ Re-appointments

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Ms. Joyce Okoree

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Ing. Daniel Vincent Arthur

Ag. Director, Physical Science Directorate
Dr. Paul Osei-Fosu

**Ag. Director, Administration and Human Resource
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Ms. Barbara Apefa Wutor

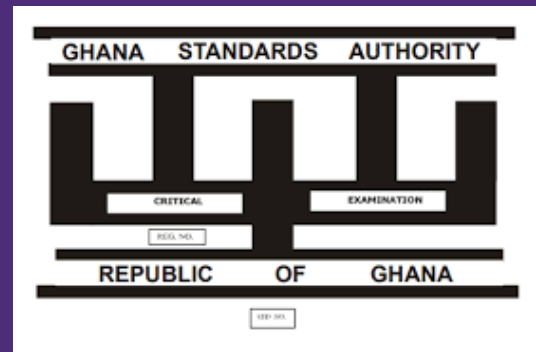
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The Certification Mark is an assurance of:

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- Safety
- Value for Money

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NOTE: Only authorised businesses may use the Standard Mark on their products!

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A business seeking approval to use the MiG Logo shall meet the following requirements:

1. Be registered as a business with the Registrar General's Department.
2. Provide clearance letter from the Social Security and National Insurance Trust
3. Provide clearance certificate/letter from the Ghana Revenue Authority

4. Provide License from relevant regulatory authority.
5. Provide Product Certificate(s) from the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA).
6. Have in place a relevant management system(s) verifiable by the Ghana Standards Authority.
7. Agree to terms and conditions by signing a MiG logo service contract.
8. Make payment to the GSA for the processing of application, annual user license and marking fee depending on the category of the business.

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MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION SCHEME



In today's highly competitive international marketplace, customers, governments, stakeholders the world over are demanding organisations adopt management systems which, provides assurance of consistently safe and quality goods (product) and services.

To assist Ghanaian industries gain access to the competitive (international) market, the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) has established the GSA Management Systems Certification Scheme, which has been accredited by DAkkS (a German accreditation body).

Management System (MS) can be implemented by any enterprise/organisation in any sector, whether

Public/ Private no matter the size of the organization.

The MS:

- (i) Specifies processes to control activities and resources of an organisation to achieve specified goals and objectives.
- (ii) Creates an organisational culture that reflexively engages in a continuous cycle of self-evaluation, correction, and improvement of operations and processes through:
 - heightened employee awareness and
 - management's leadership and commitment

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION

Systems Certification activities, in accordance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1/2/3 & ISO/IEC 27006 for the following management system standards:

ISO 9001:2015 - Quality Management Systems – Requirements.

ISO 22000:2018 - Food Safety Management Systems – Requirements for any organisation in the food chain.

ISO 14001:2015 - Environmental Management Systems - Requirements with guidance for use.

ISO 45001:2018 - Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems - Requirements with guidance for use.

ISO/IEC 27001:2013 - Information Security Management System.

HACCP Certification - Food and water business operators involved in the preparation, processing, manufacturing, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution, handling or offering for sale or supply in the food chain.

GMP Certification - Food, Cosmetics, Pharmaceutical operators involved in the preparation, processing, manufacturing, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution or offering for sale or supply.

BENEFITS OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

1. Internal benefits to organizations include:

- Alignment with customer and regulatory requirements.
- Improved management processes and integration with corporate risk strategies.
- Improved leadership, management commitment and decision-making.
- Better working conditions and increased motivation of employees.
- Reduced cost of internal failure [low rates of re-work, rejection] and external failures [replacements, complaints, returns]
- Continual improvement of the MS.

2. External benefits to organizations include:

- Higher customer and stakeholder satisfaction
- Improved reputation and corporate image
- More market competitiveness
- Increased business resilience
- Improved customer and business partner confidence
- Opens up export markets for your products and services
- Adds credibility and confidence that organisation's products or services meet relevant international and local regulation

HOW TO GET CERTIFIED - STEPS

1. Submission of Application
2. Issuance of quotation
3. Stage 1 Audit
4. Stage 2 Audit
5. Recommendation and Approval
6. Issuance of Certificate
7. Surveillance/Recertification Audit



Mr. Lartey making a submission

Eastern Regional Office GSA's Eastern Regional Office Participates in 2026 HeFRA Annual Seminar

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), represented by the Eastern Regional Manager, Mr. Andrew Lartey, participated in the Health Facilities Regulatory Agency's (HeFRA) 2026 annual seminar.

The seminar brought together healthcare facility managers, regulators, and stakeholders to strengthen compliance with standards and improve the quality of healthcare delivery within the region.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Lartey stated that the GSA remains the legal institution mandated to carry out

the calibration of medical equipment in the country. He explained that proper calibration is essential to ensure the accuracy and reliability of diagnostic and monitoring devices used in healthcare facilities.

He further revealed that equipment such as thermometers, weighing scales, blood pressure monitors, and laboratory instruments must be calibrated at regular intervals to meet national standards.

According to him, failure to comply with calibration requirements can result in inaccurate readings, which

may affect diagnosis and treatment.

Participants were encouraged to work closely with GSA to ensure that their equipment meet the required standards, as part of efforts to promote patient safety and improve healthcare delivery in the country.





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Did you know that the way salt is obtained affects its iodine content?



Salt is commonly produced by evaporating seawater or mining it from underground deposits.

While some natural salts may contain trace amounts of iodine, most do not have enough to meet your body's needs.

Historically, iodine deficiency was a major public health concern, leading to conditions such as goitre and impaired brain development.

This led to the introduction of salt iodization worldwide as a simple and effective way to improve public health.

At the Ghana Standards Authority – Biochemical Department, we test and monitor salt to ensure it is properly iodized and safe for consumption. Iodine is essential for healthy growth, brain development, and proper thyroid function.

Salt producers and businesses are encouraged to bring their products to the Ghana Standards Authority for iodine testing and quality certification. Consumers are also advised to purchase well-packaged, branded iodized salt with verified iodine content.

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