



GSA officials closing down a shop for selling substandard paints

GSA Intensifies Enforcement, Shuts down Shops Selling Substandard Paints in Adabraka

On Thursday, March 19, 2026, the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), in collaboration with the Police SWAT team, embarked on an enforcement exercise in Adabraka, closing down several shops for selling substandard paint products.

The exercise, led by the Greater Accra Regional Office, follows weeks of sample collection from the affected shops for laboratory testing. The laboratory analysis of the samples revealed that the paints contained high

levels of lead, exceeding the permissible limit of 0.0009 under GS Specification 181:2019. The exposure to such high lead levels can cause serious health risks such as cancer and kidney problems.

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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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Speaking to the media after the exercise, Mr. Clement Kwolaga Kubati, the Greater Accra Regional Manager, stated that, his outfit will undertake a series of similar exercise to eliminate substandard products like cables and other household materials from the market.

“What you have witnessed today is a testament of what GSA can do. It is not going to be a one-off thing. There is going to be series of this exercise. From paint, we will move to electricals and any other product we have intelligence on.

“We are pleading with Ghanaians to assist us to rid the market of substandard products,” he stated.

The enforcement team affixed GSA stickers bearing the inscription “Under Temporary Closure by GSA” to the affected shops, serving as a clear warning to consumers.







GSA staff displaying the Certification Mark and Made-In-Ghana logo

Staff Sensitise Public on GSA Certification Mark, Made-in-Ghana Logo

Staff of GSA engaged the public during a two-day street outreach programme on the Okponglo-Shiashie stretch in Accra, from March 17 - 18, 2026

The exercise aimed to educate consumers on how to identify authentic GSA-certified products, promote the patronage of locally

manufactured goods bearing the Made-in-Ghana logo, and provide on-the-spot guidance to SMEs.

The staff displayed placards and distributed flyers to motorists and pedestrians in traffic, educating them on the GSA Certification Mark and the Made-in-Ghana logo.

This activity formed part of GSA's Ghana Month celebrations.





Group photograph of stakeholders, PTB and GSA officials

GSA hosts steering committee meeting on National Metrology Institute II Project

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), in partnership with the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), Germany's National Metrology Institute, has hosted a steering committee meeting to discuss the second phase of the 'Establishment of a Fit-for-Future' National Metrology Institute (NMI) project, an initiative designed to modernise Ghana's metrology system and align it with global best practices.

The meeting, held at Standards Heights on Thursday, March 19, 2026, brought together key stakeholders, including

representatives from GSA's Metrology Directorate, educational and health sectors, the National Procurement Authority, Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry (MoTAI) and international collaborators.

Discussions centred on enhancing productivity, competitiveness, and export potential across sectors such as health, construction, and agriculture, all of which are experiencing growing demand for metrological services.

The Director-General of the GSA, Prof. George Agyei, expressed gratitude to

Germany for the support and gave special recognition to reps of the PTB, one of the world's leading metrology institutions, who travelled to Ghana to join in the discussions.

He stressed that strong metrology capabilities are essential to Ghana's industrial competitiveness, export readiness, consumer safety, and the broader pursuit of a productive 24 hour economy championed under President John Mahama.



*Mr. Hudu Mogtari, Board
Chairman, GSA*



Prof. George Agyei, DG, GSA



*Frederike Kasper, PTB Project
Coordinator*

The Director-General said metrology serves as the backbone of quality and productivity across all sectors. Beyond providing equipment and technical expertise, the GSA-PTB partnership has fostered sustainable capacity-building, strengthened systems, and enhanced the competence of Ghanaian professionals.

Prof. Agyei noted that collaboration with the PTB has enabled remarkable gains in the development of Ghana's quality ecosystem. He reaffirmed GSA's commitment to the successful implementation of the project.

Frederike Kasper, the Project Coordinator from the PTB, lauded the long-standing partnership between her outfit and the GSA, calling it a model for effective quality infrastructure development.

The collaboration, she said, forms part of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development's (BMZ) support for the project which aims to strengthen GSA's capacities and establish a self-sustaining NMI that is internationally recognised.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Mr. Noah Tumfo, Chief Director of MoTAI, Mr. Samuel Sackitey, the Director of Finance at the GSA, Mr. Evans Asiedu, the Acting Director of Metrology, Mercy Asantewaa Gyakye Wiredu, head of Industrial Metrology Department, Frank Okai, head of the Legal Metrology Department and Michael Armah, head of the Scientific Metrology Department.







Group photograph of Cannabis Experts, Industry players and officials of NACOC and GSA

GSA Engages Stakeholders on Cannabis Standards

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) on March 16 and 17, 2026, engaged key stakeholders in a two-day consultative meeting on the development of draft Ghana Standards for the cannabis value chain at Standards Height, Accra.

The engagement assembled experts and industry players to review and discuss the proposed standards to ensure they are aligned with international best practices.

Mr. Kojo Eshun, Deputy Director-General in charge of Conformity Assessment (DDG-CAS), Mr. Alexander Twum-Barimah, the Narcotics

Control Commission's Deputy Director-General for Enforcement, Control and Elimination, as well as other distinguished dignitaries, attended the meeting, which comes at a pivotal moment of innovation where Ghana officially launched the licensing regime for industrial and medicinal cannabis.





Group photograph of Heads of SOE's with Vice President, Prof. Jane Naana Opoku-Agyemang

GSA Participates in SIGA Annual Stakeholder Conference

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), last Thursday, participated in the State Interests and Governance Authority's (SIGA) Annual Stakeholder Conference organised at the Kempinski Gold Coast Hotel in Accra.

The conference, held under the theme: "The State as a Partner in Progress: Leveraging Public Assets for Shared Prosperity", was attended by the Vice President, Prof. Jane Naana Opoku-Agyemang, Ministers of State, Members of Parliament, and the heads of scores of state enterprises.

SIGA led by its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Prof. Kpessa-Whyte, pointed a call for the wholesale reform of State-owned Enterprises (SOEs), warning that public ownership must translate into measurable public value or risk becoming a burden on the national purse.

Prof. Kpessa-Whyte reported that SIGA had expanded oversight coverage from 147 to 152 out of 175 approved specified entities and recorded improved compliance with financial reporting obligations. Revenue growth

was noted across the portfolio, particularly in the energy and financial services sectors, while operational performance showed steady recovery over three fiscal years, with profit before interest and tax returning to positive territory.

He singled out entities like the Ghana Reinsurance Company, TDC Company Limited, and State Housing Company, for paying dividends, and commended Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority, Bui Power Authority, Ghana National Gas Company, and



Mrs Dorothy Amoah, Hon. Samuel Jabanyite and Ms. Hannah Swanzy

Bulk Energies for sustaining consistent profitability over multiple years.

The conference also featured breakout sessions drawn from findings in SIGA's State Ownership Report and its Annual Governance and Institutional Performance Assessment Report (AGIPAR) as well as exhibitions of services and activities of various SOEs. The GSA, represented by Hon. Samuel Jabanyite, Mrs. Dorothy Amoah, Ms. Hannah Swanzy, Mr. Kofi Debrah and members of the PME and PR team, took patrons and participants through the Authority's activities.

The programme climaxed with the Public Enterprises League Table and Awards (PELT), SIGA's objective benchmarking exercise for specified entities.







Group picture of PTB Officials and top management members and Officials of GSA

PTB Officials Call on Director-General

Officials from the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), German's National Metrology Institute, last week, paid a courtesy visit to the Director-General (DG) of the GSA, Professor George Agyei, to among others, introduce the PTB team and discuss the status of ongoing and planned National Metrology Institute (NMI) project activities.

The PTB delegation, led by Ms. Frederike Kaiser, the NMI Project Coordinator, stated during the meeting that they were excited to meet with Prof. Agyei and update him on activities organised under the NMI project.

"We are always happy to collaborate with GSA. You have been very cooperative throughout the years, and we are ready to move the project forward. We'll like to discuss how we can support in establishing regional laboratories and also the introduction of university courses on metrology to train students to develop the foundation of metrology," she stated.

The DG, for his part, expressed the Authority's gratitude for the support and collaboration of PTB over the years while touting its competence and technological prowess.

He stated that metrology is a key area of Ghana's economy and trade and that all projects under the NMI will be successful under his tenure.

"PTB is a key institution for our growth, and we are happy to have you as partners. When I see PTB I see technology. We want to assure you that we will support you and make sure your projects succeed," Prof. Agyei noted.

He added that if there has been any unsatisfactory experience the PTB team have had with GSA in executing some of the projects, the Authority sincerely apologises



and will make sure it rectifies any misunderstanding.

In response to the establishment of regional labs and university courses on metrology, he said that for NMI to have the needed impact in the country, there was a need to establish labs in different parts of the country. He revealed that the GSA had secured land in different parts of the country which can be developed and used to build metrology labs.

He noted that initial discussions have been held with some universities and training centres on developing a competence-based certificate programme in metrology but will need to be firmed up. Prof. Agyei suggested that these courses

should be developed in partnership with the Commission for Technical and Vocational Educational Training (CTVET) to train newly recruited young people in the metrology space.

In 2021, the German government, through the PTB, assisted the GSA through the “Fit- for - Future National Metrology Institute in Ghana” project, to improve its metrology services to meet the demands of industry, the scientific community, consumers and the international community.

This initiative aims to strengthen national measurement infrastructure, support the 24-Hour Economy and Accelerated Export Development Programme, and provide reliable, internationally

recognised calibration services for industry.





Group picture of GSA Officials during the training

BSI, GSA Strengthen Auditors' Knowledge in Food Safety Management Systems

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), through its partnership with the British Standards Institution (BSI), over the past few years, has built technical capacity in different categories of staff in various standards.

Food safety is an issue of national concern. The GSA plays a role in ensuring food safety through certification of food businesses to Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP).

In line with Food Safety Systems certification, two national standards have been developed to improve the

quality of the certification activities but are yet to be gazetted.

In an effort to improve auditors' knowledge of the newly developed food safety systems standards and to build auditing capacity, a five-day intensive training programme was organised, covering Prerequisite Programmes (PRPs) and the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points 36 selected personnel of the Authority with the requisite backgrounds from various departments.

The training, held from March 9-13, 2026, exposed auditors and provisional auditors to the implementation and monitoring of prerequisite programmes (PRPs), application of the HACCP principles, identification and effective assessment of Food Safety Hazards and determination of appropriate controls.

Throughout the five days, Ms. Anya Knoetze, facilitator from the BSI, led engaging sessions to broaden the knowledge base of all participants.

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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Eastern Regional Director, MoTAI in a picture with Mr. Lartey and Officials of GSA and MoTAI

Eastern Regional Office

Eastern Regional Director of MoTAI Visits Koforidua Office

The Eastern Regional Director of the Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry (MOTAI), Mrs. Sarah Boadi, paid a working visit to the Ghana Standards Authority's (GSA) office in Koforidua.

The visit formed part of her efforts to engage institutions operating under the ministry and to strengthen collaboration toward effective regulation and industrial development within the region. The GSA operates under the

supervision of MoTAI and plays a key role in ensuring standards, quality assurance, and consumer protection.

During the meeting, Mrs. Boadi interacted with staff of the regional office and was briefed on the activities and operational responsibilities of the Authority within the Eastern Region.

Discussions focused on the enforcement of standards, surveillance of goods on the market, and the

importance of certification in protecting consumers and supporting fair trade.

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Mrs. Boadi commended the staff of the Authority for their commitment to maintaining



standards and ensuring that businesses comply with regulatory requirements. She encouraged closer collaboration between the Ministry and the Authority to promote industrial growth, protect consumers, and maintain confidence in Ghanaian products.

The visit concluded with a brief tour of the office and a

reaffirmation of the Ministry's support for the work of the Authority in the region.



GSA staff conducting surveillance activity

Central Regional Office TSIs Conduct Market Surveillance, Sensitisation in Cape Coast, Elmina

As part of activities marking Ghana Month, a team of newly recruited Trading Standards Inspectors (TSIs), undertook a surveillance and sensitisation activity in Elmina and some parts of Cape Coast on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

The objective of the exercise was to create awareness on standardisation, conformity assessment and metrology.

The team educated the public on the important roles GSA plays with

standards development, product testing, inspection and certification as well as calibration and verification of measuring devices. The TSIs encouraged the traders to trade with certified products.

During the sensitisation and surveillance, TSIs found some of the products being traded to be non-conforming in terms of not meeting certain basic standard requirements such as, not meeting the labelling requirements, not certified by GSA and a few expired products were seen on the shelves.





Ashanti Regional Office GSA Educates Public on Wontumi TV

On March 16, 2026, Dr. Frimpong, GSA's Ashanti Regional Manger granted an interview to a reporter from Wontumi TV Business News at his office as part of the Ashanti Regional Office's ongoing public education efforts aimed at promoting consumer protection and safety awareness. During the interview, he also took the opportunity to briefly highlight the provisions of the GSA Act 2022, (Act 1078).

During the discussion, Dr. Frimpong emphasized the Authority's key operational areas: metrology, standardization,

and conformity assessment. He noted that these areas play a vital role in ensuring the quality, safety, and reliability of products available on the market.

A significant portion of the discussion focused on conformity assessment, particularly product certification. Dr. Frimpong explained that this process verifies that products, services, or systems comply with specified standards and regulatory requirements. He indicated that product certification is essential for ensuring that goods meet established safety, quality, and

performance benchmarks. The certification process involves several critical activities, including testing, inspection, and the issuance of formal certification.

Dr. Frimpong further outlined the procedures involved in obtaining product certification. The process begins with the submission of technical documentation by the applicant, which undergoes a comprehensive review. This is followed by inspections conducted by GSA officers at both the product and manufacturing facility levels to ensure compliance

with the relevant standards. In addition, product samples are taken for laboratory testing to verify conformity. Upon the successful completion of these evaluations, a certification decision is made, permitting the product to display the GSA certification mark. The Authority also conducts periodic surveillance activities to ensure that certified products continue to comply with established standards.

Products that successfully meet the required standards are authorized to display the GSA certification mark. The certification mark assures consumers that the product has been officially certified by the GSA. It serves as a symbol of quality and safety, thereby enabling consumers to make informed purchasing decisions.





GS 1190:2025: Timber and Timber Products – Tropical Round Logs: Standard Specifications and Grading Rules

Scope:

This Ghana Standard establishes the Specifications and grading rules for tropical round logs. This standard shall cover only the visible features on the outer curved surface and ends of the logs.

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 Timber Products with the

specification and grading rules for Tropical Round Logs by providing information on normative references, terms and definitions, requirements and grading (quality classification).

This is the second (2nd) edition. This edition cancels and replaces the previous edition GS 1190:2018 Timber and Timber Products – Tropical Round Logs: Standard Specifications and Grading Rules.

The main changes are the revision of the recommended specie for the furniture: Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 5, Appendix II.

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

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1.9	Pages 201-400	960
1.10	Pages 401 -600	1170
1.11	Pages 601 -800	1,200
1.12	Pages 801 -1000	1,240
1.13	Pages 1001 and above	2,400
1.14	Ghana Building Code	2,000
2	All Adopted Standards except for ARSO & Codex	80% of prevailing rate

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