



## GSA Engages AGI-Greater Accra Members on Importance of Standardisation in Trade

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, met with members of the Greater Accra Branch of the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) to discuss the role of standards in promoting trade.

The meeting, held at the head office of the Authority, was aimed at educating the

business owners on how standards, metrology and conformity assessment could help them comply, compete and expand into new markets.

The Director-General (DG) of the GSA, Professor George Agyei, in his remarks, expressed the Authority's excitement in having all businesses under one roof to

discuss how they could both collaborate to improve their businesses.

He stated that the most powerful weapon for businesses is standards, and when they complied with standards, their businesses would go far and remain competitive.

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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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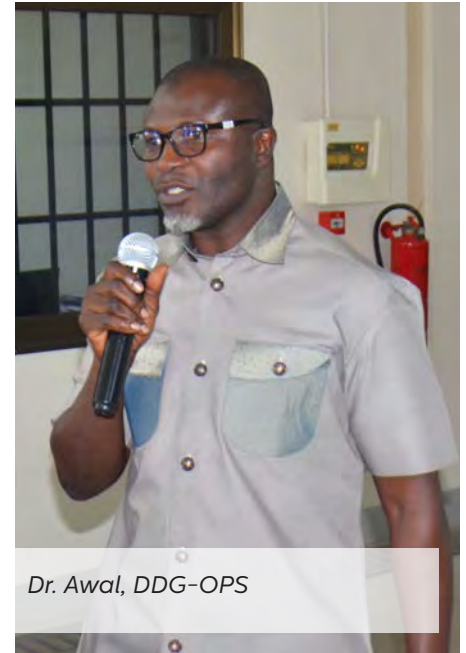
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*Prof. George Agyei making a presentation*



*Mr. Tsonam Akpeloo addressing the AGI members*



*Dr. Awal, DDG-OPS*

“The single most powerful, under-utilised competitive weapon available to every Ghanaian business is standards. Standards are the language of trade and without them you can be exposed in the markets,” he noted.

He further tasked them to work closely with the GSA to help them understand and standardise their products and activities to reap the full benefits.

Prof. Agyei, however, sounded a word of caution about high-risk goods and other sub-standard products that are illegally imported into the country.

He told the gathering that GSA would not be lenient on people who bring in sub-standard high risks goods because such goods affect consumers and could cause problems for the country, adding that such businesses would be sanctioned according to the law.

The chairman of the Greater Accra AGI Branch, Mr. Tsonam Akpeloo, was grateful to the GSA for the opportunity to host the forum to discuss the benefits of standardisation to businesses and trade in general.

He noted that the association stood ready to support GSA to carry out its mandate.

“Today’s meeting is very critical especially in our area of business. Standards are very important, because, without it, we can’t trade. We are willing to work with the GSA to help ensure that goods manufactured and imported into the country meet the standards,” he said.

He added that industry loves to collaborate with government and are not against government policies but rather want government to engage them extensively before introducing new policies.

He appealed to the government to consider the interests of industry before implementing certain ideas or policies.

Officials from GSA took the AGI members through the various activities of the Authority and how these activities could help them in their line of work.

Mr. Kojo Eshun, the Deputy Director-General in charge of Conformity Assessment (DDG-CAS) and Hon. Samuel Jabanyite, the Deputy Director-General (General Services), in their remarks, also noted that the GSA existed to help them grow and assured them of their support.

“You’re the cornerstone and very vital to the economy of Ghana and we’ll give you the needed support to grow,” they noted.

Dr. Awal Mohammed, the Deputy Director-General (Operations), expressed his full confidence that the

discussions would yield great benefits to the businesses and encouraged them to draw closer to the GSA to help them resolve their issues to promote their business.

Various questions were posed to the GSA with the Authority

ultimately pledging to work closely with them to ensure that they meet the standards and improve their businesses.

Members of the AGI Greater Accra Branch who attended the discussion included representatives from the

textiles industry, food and beverage sector, farmers, cosmetic companies, electrical cables companies, among others.



Hon. Samuel Jabanyite making a remark during the meeting



Mr. Eshun explaining a point



Mr. Seth Akwaboah CEO of AGI speaking to the AGI members







*Group photo of Dr. Awal, Mr. Bassim Alhassan, GSA's Northern Regional Manager, Mad. Tchume, Dr. Bedu-Addo and other officials of GSA*

## DDG-OPS Leads Monitoring Team to visit GSA's Northern Belt Regional Offices

The Deputy Director-General in Charge of Operations (DDG-OPS) at the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Dr. Awal Mohammed, recently led an eight-member team on a monitoring and evaluation exercise to the six regional offices in the north.

The team, which comprised heads of various departments, visited the Oti, Northern, North East, Upper East, Upper West, and Savannah Regions, from April 8-14, 2026.

It assessed the regional offices' performance, focusing on operational activities, human resource management, and documentation.

Dr. Striggner Bedu-Addo, Head of Monitoring and Evaluation, led the evaluation process, while Mrs. Sophia Tchume, Head of Human Resource, reviewed staff punctuality, orientation, and knowledge of HR policies. Mr. George Assamah of the Audit Department verified

the documentation and other relevant files to ensure adherence and accuracy.

During the exercise, Dr. Awal encouraged Regional Managers to take charge of operations and innovate ways to boost revenue. He also urged staff to work diligently despite challenges, assuring them of support from the headquarters.

The team also included Mrs. Edem Tutu Atabuatsi of the Regional Operations Department, Mr. Emmanuel Blankson, Planning Department, Mr. Malik Odenkey

Abbey, PR Department and Mr. Sadat Alhassan, Transport Unit.

The monitoring exercise is the first phase of GSA's

efforts to streamline regional operations, align with yearly work plans, and enhance staff performance.









*Dr. Awal, Mad. Tchume, Dr. Bedu-Addo in a group photograph with Customs and other GSA officials*

## GSA to Open Offices at Hamile, Tumu

In a move to strengthen the country's trade and security infrastructure, the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) is set to establish offices at the Hamile and Tumu – border towns between Ghana and Burkina Faso.

Led by Dr. Mohammed Awal, the Deputy Director-General in Charge of Operations (DDG-Ops), the team met with customs officials at the borders to discuss the establishment of checkpoints to facilitate regulatory compliance.

The discussions were held on the sidelines of a visit by some heads and officials of the Authority to GSA offices at the country's northern belt.

“The move is a game changer for Ghana's trade landscape. By setting up offices in these strategic locations, we aim to increase revenue streams, ensure consumer protection, and promote fair trade practices,” Dr. Awal said.

The establishment of GSA offices in Hamile and Tumu is expected to create jobs, stimulate economic activity, and enhance Ghana's position as a key player in regional trade.

The GSA is poised to promote trade, security, and economic growth in Ghana's northern borders, showcasing the impact on local communities and the country's development prospects.





Mrs Dorothy Amoah educating patrons on GSA activities

## GSA Participates in Eid al Fitr Grand Sales Fair

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) participated in the Eid al Fitr Grand Sales Fair organised by the Ghana Trade Fair Company Limited from March 18-23, 2026, at the West Hills Mall, Weija.

The event was officially opened by the Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Trade Fair Company Limited, Squadron Leader Naa Amerley Bamba. In her opening remarks, she encouraged the patronage of Made-in-Ghana products and assured participants that soon, traders will be back to the Trade Fair grounds upon completion of the new facility.

A wide range of products were exhibited at the fair, including cosmetics, clothing,

detergents, and food items, highlighting the diversity and potential of local industries.

The GSA leveraged this platform to educate and prospect for new clients and engaged directly with potential customers. The team provided detailed guidance on the procedures for obtaining the GSA Certification Mark during a sensitisation seminar for new prospects, emphasising compliance with quality and safety requirements.

Prospective clients expressed appreciation for the opportunity to interact with GSA on a one-on-one basis. Their contact details were captured for future engagement and

follow-up. In total, 59 SMEs were prospected during the engagement.

The media were also engaged during the event, interacting with the Head of Marketing, Mrs. Dorothy Amoah, on GSA's expectations and role at the Fair.

In response, Mrs. Amoah highlighted the importance of quality assurance and fair-trade practices, particularly within the context of celebrating Ghana Month in March.

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) expressed satisfaction with the education and awareness provided by GSA during the Fair.





*UG students in a photograph with Mr. Michael Armah and Mr. Obed Nai Agoe*

## UG MPhil Physics Students Visit GSA

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Physics students from the University of Ghana (UG), Legon, on Thursday, April 9, 2026, paid an academic visit to the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) to learn first-hand experience and practical insights into the functions and operations of the Authority.

The students were received by members of the Public Relations Department, who gave a brief overview of the Authority's mandate and core functions. They were subsequently taken to the Metrology Directorate to gain knowledge of its work and operations.

Mr. Michael Armah, Head of Scientific Metrology, led the students through the

functions of the Metrology Directorate.

He explained the processes involved in calibrating equipment, including industrial machines and weighing scales, to ensure they produce accurate and reliable measurements. Mr. Armah emphasised that proper calibration is essential for ensuring compliance with established standards.

The students were later taken to the Mass, Temperature, and Volume Laboratories by Mr. Obed Nai Agoe, a staff member of the Metrology Directorate. He guided them through the various activities carried out in the laboratory. He provided detailed explanations on the procedures undertaken

to ensure precision and accuracy in measurements across different parameters.

The students expressed their appreciation for the warm reception and the comprehensive explanations, noting that the visit had given them a deeper understanding of the Authority's functions and work.





## Students from Accra College of Medicine Tour GSA

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On Monday, April 13, 2026, fourth-year students from the Accra College of Medicine undertook an educational visit to the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) as part of their mandatory institutional rotation.

The visit was intended to provide students with practical insight into the role of national institutions in safeguarding public health in Ghana.

The students were received by the Marketing and Public Relations Departments, with the interactive session led by the Acting Head of Public

Relations, Mr. Kofi Yeboah Debrah. He facilitated an informative and interactive engagement on the mandate and operations of the Authority.

Mr. Debrah provided a comprehensive overview of the GSA, a state agency under the Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry.

He explained that the Authority is mandated to promote industrial growth, protect consumers, and facilitate trade through standardisation, metrology, and conformity assessment, in line with the GSA Act, 2022 (Act 1078).

As part of the visit, the students toured the Histopathology Laboratory, the Drugs Laboratory and the Forensic Laboratory.

The students expressed their appreciation to the GSA for the insightful and educative session.





Group photograph of PR team and the UPSA students

## UPSA Students Engage PR Team on Crisis Management, GSA Activities

Level 300 students from the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA), on Monday, April 13, 2026, paid an academic visit to the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), where they engaged the Public Relations Department in an interactive session.

The visit formed part of their Media Relations course, with the students seeking practical insights and professional perspectives to enrich their understanding of crisis management.

During the engagement, the students posed a range of thought-provoking questions to the PR team, represented by Mr. Alex Osei-Boateng and

Mr. Fotwe Afful. They inquired about the Department's experience in working with journalists, the strategies employed in managing crises as a department, and the tools or platforms used to measure the impact of media-related crises. The discussion also explored how the Department has cultivated and sustained strong working relationships with the media over time.

The PR team explained the critical role of the PR Department, who provide strategic support to the Director-General by helping to manage and respond to various aspects of the crisis. According to them, the media also plays a vital

role in this process, serving as a key channel through which accurate information is disseminated to the public, ensuring that the issues at hand are clearly explained and understood.

They further noted that the GSA maintains a strong working relationship with journalists, emphasising that both parties collaborate closely to protect the public and effectively communicate important information. They added that journalists have consistently been responsive, promptly availing themselves whenever they are called upon to support the Authority's communication efforts.

The team also stressed the vital role that it plays in promoting the organisation’s work while also safeguarding its image and reputation.

The team also informed the students that social media platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, and X, play a crucial role in helping the organisation assess and measure the impact of media crises, providing real-time feedback and insights into public perception.

Mr. Afful used the opportunity to engage the students on the mandate of the Authority, explaining that the Authority is responsible for issuing the Made-in-Ghana logo and the Certification Mark to products. He noted that these Marks signify that such products have undergone the necessary assessments and have been certified as safe and suitable for human consumption.



# Appointments/ Re-appointments

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Margaret Fidelia Awumee

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**Ag. Head, Intelligence and Information**  
Patrick Odei-Ntiri

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**Ag. Head, Mechanical Unit**  
Brolin Amoako

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**Ag. Head, Facilities Unit**  
Ali Yahaya



Mr. Lartey and his team at Taste FM

## Eastern Regional Office

### GSA Deepens Public Awareness on Calibration, Lead Paint Safety

The Ghana Standards Authority's (GSA) regional office in Koforidua has expanded its public education drive, with the Regional Manager, Mr. Andrew Lartey and a team of Trading Standards Inspectors (TSIs), leading a focused outreach across the Eastern Region.

The exercise, carried out through a radio discussion on Taste FM 90.9, a subsidiary of the Angel Broadcasting Network, formed part of efforts to bring regulatory

issues closer to the public and encourage informed decision-making.

During the programme, the team provided detailed insight into the role of calibration in the healthcare sector. The team noted that medical equipment such as thermometers, weighing scales, blood pressure monitors, and laboratory devices, must undergo routine calibration to ensure precision and consistency. According to the team, inaccurate readings

from uncalibrated equipment can lead to misdiagnosis, improper treatment, and in severe cases, loss of life.

The team further explained that the Authority remains the mandated institution responsible for the calibration and verification of such equipment, and urged health facilities, both public and private, to comply with established standards and schedules.



In addition, listeners were briefed on the benefits of using calibrated weighing scales in trade to ensure fair trade, consumer protection and prevention of losses.

Attention was also drawn to the ongoing national campaign against lead-based paints in the Ghanaian market. The team cautioned that lead exposure, particularly in children, can result in developmental challenges, learning difficulties, and other long-term health complications.

Traders and importers were advised to source only certified paint products that meet GSA standards, while consumers were encouraged to be vigilant when purchasing paints for domestic and commercial use.

Listeners were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on standards-related issues, with the team addressing concerns on product certification, market surveillance, and consumer protection.



*Ms. Angebel Aryeetey making a presentation at the Paga Presbyterian Church*

## Upper West Regional Office GSA Sensitises Paga Presbyterian Church on Activities

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) organised a sensitisation programme at the Presbyterian Church in Paga to educate members on its mandate and services. The session formed part of efforts to increase public awareness on standards, quality assurance, and consumer protection.

Participants were taken through the history of the Authority, highlighting its establishment in 1967 as the Ghana Standards Board

and its transformation into the GSA. The presentation emphasised GSA's critical role in ensuring that goods and services meet required quality and safety standards.

Key functions of the Authority discussed included product testing and certification, support to industries to improve quality, protection of public health and the environment, and facilitation of international trade.

The engagement also simplified GSA's role to the congregation, stressing that the Authority exists to ensure that everyday products such as food, water, and household items are safe, reliable, and fit for use.

The programme increased awareness among participants on the importance of standards and the need for compliance to safeguard consumers.





*TSIs educating a shop owner*

## Central Regional Office TSIs Conduct Market Surveillance, Sensitisation in Kasoa, Assin Fosu, 2 others

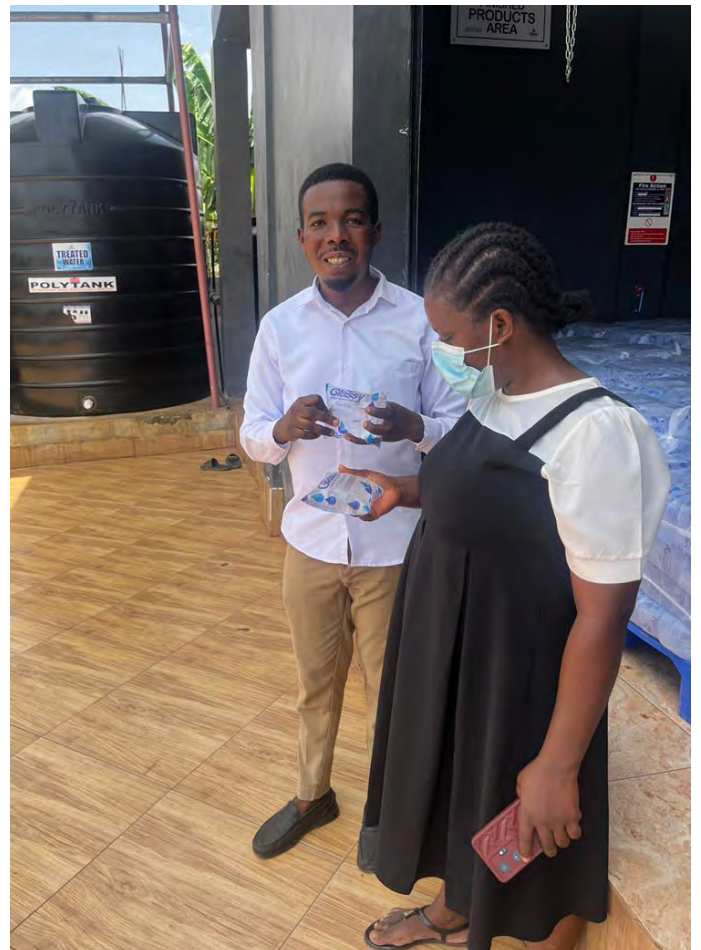
As part of ongoing efforts by the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) to ensure fair trade and consumer protection, a team of Trading Standards Inspectors (TSIs) undertook surveillance and sensitisation activities in Abura, Kasoa, Ajumako and Assin Fosu within the week.

The objective of the exercise was to create awareness on standardisation, conformity assessment and metrology, and to identify goods not conforming to standards. The team also educated traders on how to always look out for the Mark of Conformity or

Standard Mark when buying products manufactured locally, which is an assurance of quality, reliability, safety and value for money.

During the sensitisation and surveillance, the TSIs examined several products out of which some were found to be non-conforming to basic requirements of standard. All non-conforming products were locally manufactured. Some expired products were also seen on shelves being traded but were taken off the shelves by the traders when instructed to do so by the TSIs.







*Dr. Awal in a group picture with the Bono East Regional team*

## Bono East Regional Office DDG-OPS Engages Bono East Regional Officers

On Monday, April 13, 2026, the Deputy Director-General in charge of Operations (DDG-OPS) at the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Dr. Mohammed Awal paid a working visit to the Authority's office in Techiman, in the Bono East Region, for operational engagements.

This is part of the plan to build cordiality within the rank and file of the regional office.

Concerns were raised by the staff on the inadequacy of office furniture as many of the workers operate without a desk. They also iterated

the need to speed up the turnaround time of tests, as well as additional office vehicle to enhance their operations.

In addressing their concerns, Dr. Awal commended them for great work done despite the challenges.

"I will do my best to resolve the furniture inadequacy to ensure your office is conducive for work," he assure them.

The Regional Verification Officer, Mr. Eric Akoto, who represented the Regional Manager, Mr. Francis Ofose-Koranteng, thanked Dr. Awal for the

engagement and pledged his continuous cooperation with management.





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# GS 1402:2025: Ethanol Cookstoves — Specification

## Scope:

This Ghana Standard covers the requirements for ethanol-fueled appliances for cooking and heat generation. It does not cover the requirements for ethanol-fueled lamps.

**NOTE 1** The requirements for denatured ethanol for use as cooking and appliance fuel are covered in ASTM E3050 or the relevant national standard.

**NOTE 2** Refer to relevant national standard for the requirements for ethanol gel

## 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 manufacturers of Cookstoves with the specification for producing Ethanol cookstoves by providing normative references, terms and definitions, requirements, packaging, marking, instructions and warnings, inspection and methods of test and certification.

*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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1.10	Pages 401 -600	1170
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1.12	Pages 801 -1000	1,240
1.13	Pages 1001 and above	2,400
1.14	Ghana Building Code	2,000
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