

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF NATIONAL VEHICLE STANDARDS FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2026

NOTICE NO. GSA/DGS/PN/26/09

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) wishes to inform the general public and all stakeholders that, after extensive engagements with all stakeholders, the following administrative implementation frameworks have been established for the commencement of enforcement of the Ghana Standard for imported used vehicles from 1st October 2026. Used vehicles that have the following characteristics shall be prohibited from importation into Ghana.

These are vehicles:

- **submerged in water/flood-damaged,**
- **burnt or damaged by fire,**
- **with chassis or safety-cage damage (broken, cracked, bent or twisted),**
- **assembled from spare parts,**
- **without speedometers readings in kilometre-per-hour,**
- **and/or**
- **over fifteen (15) years old**

For the avoidance of doubt, vehicles that were shipped before 1st October 2026, even if they arrive in Ghana after the implementation date, will not be affected by the new import requirements. Similarly, vehicles already in Ghana prior to the implementation date are exempt.

All **new vehicle importers**, distributors, manufacturers and assemblers, as well as **used vehicle importers**, distributors and dealers are required to **register with the GSA Vehicle Homologation Unit (GSA Auto Unit)** and ensure that **before**

shipment to Ghana all new vehicle models are homologated, while all used vehicle units are inspected in the country of origin by a GSA approved third-party inspection body and a Certificate of Conformance (CoC) issued, attesting to the conformance of each vehicle unit to the applicable Ghana Standards. Vehicles that do not meet the prescribed requirements will not be permitted for importation into the country on arrival.

The GSA encourages all stakeholders to familiarise themselves with the applicable requirements and take the necessary steps to ensure compliance before importing vehicles into Ghana.

This Public Notice supersedes any previous communique on the subject including Public Notice No. GSA/DGS/PN/26/08

For further information and assistance, please contact the **GSA Vehicle Homologation Unit** by email at auto@gsa.gov.gh or telephone **030 398 0177**.

Signed,
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