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Zero Barriers Trade

INSURANCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

MARINE CARGO INSURANCE (MCI)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) would like to inform the public that from **1st January 2017**, imports into the country have to be insured by local (Kenyan) insurance companies in accordance with Section 20 of the Insurance Act. Importers/clearing agents of any goods (including individual car importers) are required to obtain Local Marine Insurance Cover and submit the Certificate to Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) through the Kenya Trade Network Agency (Kentrade) System for cargo clearance.

The process is as follows:

1. Importer/appointed clearing agent purchases a Local Marine Cover from a registered insurance company and obtains a certificate on or around the time of cargo shipment. (This can be done through an insurance agent, broker or directly through the company)
2. Importer/appointed clearing agent accesses the Kentrade system using the URL <https://kenyatradenet.go.ke> and enters the user name and password.
3. The importer/appointed clearing agent creates a Unique Consignment Reference (UCR) number.
4. The importer/appointed clearing agent accesses the functionality for MCI registration and links the application with the UCR.
5. The importer/appointed clearing agent then submits the application online to the insurance company of his choice listed in the system.

Stakeholder sensitization workshops will be held in Nairobi, Mombasa, Kisumu and Eldoret. Members of the public interested in attending any should express their interest to eakinyi@ira.go.ke or call 020 4996715

NOTE:

First time system users can get in touch with the Kentrade contact center on the procedure of getting access using contactcentre@kentrade.go.ke, Landline: +254 (20) 4965000, Mobile: 0709950000

