



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS

INTEGRATION OF EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY IN EIA/EA REPORTS

On 22nd July 2022, the Sustainable Waste Management Act came into effect, signaling a pivotal shift in environmental responsibility on waste management towards circular economy. Section 13 of this Act requires every producer to bear mandatory Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) to reduce pollution and environmental impacts arising from products introduced into the Kenyan market and waste arising therefrom.

Section 13(2) states that, each producer shall fulfill their EPR obligations either individually or collectively in a compliance scheme. This regulatory framework underscores the imperative for proactive engagement by producers to comprehensively address the environmental impacts of their products across the entire lifecycle.

Integrating EPR obligations into the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Audit (EA) processes marks a significant stride towards ensuring holistic environmental stewardship. By doing so, producers are compelled to conduct thorough assessments and adopt strategies to mitigate environmental risks associated with their products during the post-consumer phase.

To this end, the Authority (NEMA) is seeking your esteemed expertise to enhance the integration of EPR obligations within both EIA and EA Reports with regard to institutional and post-consumer waste management. Our collective aim is to seamlessly embed EPR considerations within these reports, enabling a comprehensive evaluation of environmental impacts associated with the lifecycle of the proponent's products and waste arising therefrom.

Take note, therefore, that you are expected to integrate EPR in EIA and EA reports henceforth. Further information on EPR implementation is available on NEMA website.

By fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and accountability for producers, we collectively play pivotal roles in our pursuit for a clean, safe, and healthy environment.

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