



**Kenya Bureau of
Standards**

Standards for Quality life

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I. Call for Proposals on Subjects for Standardization

Standards have been identified as one of the enablers of the big four agenda in terms of regional and international market access. It is KEBS policy to develop those Standards that are needed by the government and the private sector and continually review them for effectiveness and relevance in a bid to position Kenya, to benefit from the Africa Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA), EAC Common Market protocol, global market arrangements and support innovation initiatives.

It is in this regard that Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) is developing the National Standardization Plan (NSP) for 2019-2022 following the successful implementation of 2016-2019 NSP. Members of the public are requested to submit their requests for development of new standards, revision of relevant Kenya Standards and harmonization of Standards at EAC and/or Africa (ARSO) level. The collated requests will inform the direction of the EAC Regional Standardization Plan (RSP) currently under development and ultimately the Continental Standardization Plan.

Stakeholders and Members of the public are hereby requested to make submissions within 30 days from the date of this notice through KEBS website www.kebs.org under: <online services>, <Propose Standardization Requests> or through the link www.kebs.org/index.php?option=com_chronoforms6&view=form&Itemid=251

II. KS 2204, Kenya Standard, Tourism Accommodation — Fire safety in Hotels — Guidelines

The National Standards Council on 4th April 2019 approved KS 2204:2019, Kenya Standard, Tourism accommodation — Fire safety in Hotels — Guidelines for fire safety in hotels.

The Standard provides guidelines for the management of any fire incident in hotels. This includes prevention, response to any incident and post fire assessment. The hotel industry is a critical component of the tourism industry, and increasingly business meetings are being carried out in hotels. As such a lot of investment in the sector has taken place over the years. Fire incidences destroy, disrupt normal business by destruction of investments, putting lives at risk, and have the potential of causing financial losses to third parties.

Benefits

The following benefits will accrue from use of the Revised Standard:

1. Enhanced awareness - causes of fire vary widely; assumptions, carelessness, weather conditions, poor workmanship on hotel infrastructure, improper use of facilities and equipment, and accidents. This Standard identifies possible causes of fire and provides possible mitigation measures.

2. Assurance to workers, guest and regulatory agencies - by implementing this Standard, hotel facilities can be confident and provide assurance to workers, guests and regulatory agencies that they have put measures in place to deal with fire incidences.

3. Mitigation of possible losses - fire incidences are costly. In some cases, the loss can be irreversible specifically when documents and records are affected as well as when there is loss of life or injuries. Financial losses can also be due to missed opportunities, compensation, litigation costs etc.

To access and purchase the full copy of **KS 2204:2019** Kenya Standard, Tourism accommodation — Guidelines for fire safety in hotels, please visit the KEBS webstore, on KEBS website www.kebs.org under online services or through the following link <https://webstore.kebs.org/index.php?route=product/search&search=KS%202204>

To access a full list of the Standards approved by the National Standards Council in April 2019, please visit KEBS website www.kebs.org under: what we do < Standards development.> SAC approved standards or using the link https://www.kebs.org/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=category&id=40&Itemid=134

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