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FOLIO SHEET

DATE	MIN NO	NAME OF OFFICER TO ACT	DESIGNATION	COMMENTS	SIGNATURE
11/12	I	Maiyo x	Atg. DI-QA91	This will have an effect on the radios installed in used vehicles.	B.A.
		Omboke	Atg. DI-SDT	Please review the requirement and establish how to attain compliance.	



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28th November, 2018

Bernard Nguyo
Ag. Managing Director
Kenya Bureau of Standards
P.O. Box 54974 – 00200
Nairobi

Dear *Bernard,*

**RE: PROPOSAL FOR A NEW MANDATORY IMPORT STANDARD FOR CAR
RADIO BROADCASTING RECEIVERS TO OPERATE WITHIN 87.5 – 108 MHz
FREQUENCY RANGE**

Reference is made to the above subject matter.

The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) has allocated Africa and Europe the FM Radio Broadcasting frequencies 87.5 to 108.0 MHz band while Asian countries are allocated 76.0 to 90.0 MHz band for the said service. It therefore means that motor vehicles from countries like Japan come into the country fitted with FM radio broadcasting receivers that are tuned to the frequency range 79-90 MHz and not our frequency band.

This eventuality has caused a problem to the FM radio broadcasting market and competition structure in Kenya to the effect that, many of our licensed broadcasters are disadvantaged when it comes to radio listenership for consumers trying to tune to their radio programmes via the car radio receivers which are usually out of range.

It should also be noted that the frequency range **76-86 MHz**, is allocated to private and government services in Kenya and should not be used for reception of public radio broadcasting services. This is therefore to kindly request you to introduce with immediate effect a new mandatory vehicle import standard that requires all motor vehicles being imported into the country (regardless of the country of origin) be fitted with FM radio broadcasting receivers that have a frequency range of **87.5-108.0 MHz**.

A notice informing the public to change the radio receivers that do not conform to this standard/frequency range requires placement in the local media to ensure that the motor vehicles already in the country conform in due course.

Yours faithfully

Francis W. Wangusi, MBS
DIRECTOR GENERAL

