PRESS RELEASE
FROM MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES
ON
REGISTRATION OF ALL FOREIGN PETTY TRADERS WITHIN THE GREATER KAMPALA (KAMPALA CAPITAL CITY AUTHORITY, WAKISO, MUKONO DISTRICTS)
1.0 BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives has received persistent complaints from the business community concerning the influx of foreigners in petty trade. On 17th August 2012, I toured the Central Business District of Kampala to verify these complaints.

Throughout the tour, I visited shops and later on held a public meeting with traders. During this time, the following complaints were raised by the business community.

- Most of the foreign traders (pseudo “investors”) are operating businesses they had not been licensed to do so.
- *The Pseudo “investors”* are abusing the provisions of Section 10 of the Investment Code Act subsection 5 and 6 of depositing a sum of One Hundred Thousand United States Dollars at the Bank of Uganda.
- Foreign petty traders have dominated the entire distribution chain of commerce through engaging in Manufacturing, Wholesaling, Retaining and Hawking. This is an anti-competitive practice.
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2.0 CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

After this visit, I held consultations with the Hon. Minister of State for Internal Affairs James Baba and officials from Immigration, representatives of the Inspector General of Police, Uganda Investment Authority, Kampala Capital City Authority, and other relevant government institutions in order to have a multi-sectoral approach of addressing this problem and restore trade order in the country. From these consultations, we formed an inter-institutional Committee to follow up on the issue and recommend possible ways of solving the matter.

The committee has began its work, and will be taking stock of all the foreigners in petty trade beginning from greater Kampala (Kampala Capital City Authority, Wakiso, Mukono Districts) and later on, to other Local and Urban Authorities in the country.

3.0 REGISTRATION EXERCISE FOR ALL FOREIGN PETTY TRADERS WITHIN KAMPALA CITY.

In accordance with legal provisions under sections 5, 8, 29 of the Trade Licensing Act Cap 101, Section 54 of the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control Act and Section 10 to 16 of
the Investment Code Act, I am calling upon all foreigners doing trade in greater Kampala (Kampala Capital City Authority, Wakiso, Mukono Districts) to report to the Ministry for verification and registration. **This exercise will be conducted from 5th to 19th December 2012. The exercise will be conducted on third floor, room 320, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Farmers House from 9:00am to 5:00pm daily.**

The following officers will be conducting the registration exercise:

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You are supposed to come with the following documents;

1. Copy of a trading license
5. Certificate of Incorporation and Directors of the Company/business you operate.
6. Passport for proof of identity

Please note that failure to attend to this registration exercise will lead to cancellation of the licenses in accordance with the aforementioned legislations (Trade Licensing Act, Citizenship and Immigration Act and the Investment Code Act)

After the registration, a physical verification exercise to ascertain the authenticity of the information will be conducted.

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