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## Ministry of Commerce and Industry

The Industry Today Monthly Bulletin is a product of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry developed to inform the public on key activities of the Department of Industry in its implementation of the National Industrial Policy. The information in this bulletin is based on a monthly monitoring exercise for the promotion of industrial policy. It highlights key policies, projects and stakeholder activities that supports industrial development in Liberia.

### Highlight of the Month

#### Joint Water inspection & Mapping Program



The Ministry of Commerce and Industry announces the commencement of a **Joint Inspection and Mapping Exercise (JIME)** on facilities producing **Packaged Drinking Water Products** that are being sold on the commerce of Liberia commencing on the **8<sup>th</sup> of May 2017**. The exercise will be jointly carried out by key regulatory stakeholders within the water sector, which include **the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Ministry of Justice, Liberia Water and Sewage Corporation** along with the **National Standards Laboratory** and **Liberia Water Producers Association**. The joint inspection has led to the closure of several unsafe water producers thereby protecting and insuring the continuing health of the Liberia people.

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## Special Announcement

The Ministry wishes to inform all private operators with leases in the Monrovia Industrial Park to please visit the Office of the Deputy Minister's Office/Office of the Industrial Advisor and provide all current documents including payments, lease agreements to ensure all rights are respected as the rehabilitation process of the Monrovia Industrial Park is underway under a new legal framework to be published shortly.

## Inspection Corner

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry announces the successful conclusion of the 1qtr inspections. The MOCI is currently holding hearing and meeting with violators.

Please visit the Ministry's website shortly for an in-depth report.

## Standards and Compliance

Establishment of the National Standards Desk. The National Standards Desk will serve as a main Point of Contacts and Standards clearinghouse in anticipation of the restart of the Liberian standard regime. The Ministry has requested assistance from LADA to operationalized the Desk.

The NDS will stand in Gap until the creation of the National Standard Body

## Local Production - Private Sector Spotlight

Company:	<b>Duraplast Plastic Recycling Plant</b>
Product Type:	Recycle plastic products
Price/Bag:	
Summary:	The plant recycles used plastic such as water sachets, plastic bags and plastic pipes etc. Duraplast will compensate collectors by the pound. This is a welcome initiative providing income and environmental cleanup
Contact info.:	Duraplast Plastics Jamaica Road Bushrod Island

## Message Corner/What You Should Know

Step of Legal General Inspections	
1	Signed Inspection Authorization Presented to Business
2	Legal Commerce ID Card
3	Uniformed Inspector (Vest, Green T-Shirt, Jeans)
4	Inspection Press Release (On Commerce Letterhead)
5	Inspection Form (White Copy for Business)
6	Business Bill of Rights (On Website)
7	72 Hours for corrective action before penalty is applied