



**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT 2**

LIBERIAN OWNERSHIP OF DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

**COMPLIANCE NOTICE TO MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND DISTRIBUTORS
OPERATING IN LIBERIA**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) wishes to inform all manufacturing companies and business establishments operating in Liberia that, in keeping with the Liberian Investment Act of 2010 and the Government's Liberianization Policy, all distribution activities connected to local manufacturing operations must be undertaken by duly registered Liberian-owned and Liberian-operated distribution companies.

The Government has observed that several manufacturing entities continue to distribute goods through foreign-controlled distribution networks and businesses operating contrary to the intent and provisions of the Liberianization Policy.

Therefore, all manufacturing companies operating in Liberia are hereby instructed to:

- Submit information regarding their current distributors to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry;
- Ensure that their distribution partners are Liberian-owned and Liberian-operated businesses; and
- Immediately begin transitioning away from non-compliant distribution arrangements.

The Ministry hereby grants a thirty (30) day compliance period from the date of this announcement for all affected entities to regularize their operations.

Failure to comply with this directive shall result in enforcement actions, including:

- Administrative fines;
- Suspension of operational licenses;
- Closure of facilities and distribution channels; and
- Other legal sanctions in accordance with Liberian law.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry remains committed to promoting indigenous Liberian business participation, strengthening domestic value chains, and creating economic opportunities for Liberian entrepreneurs.

All affected businesses are encouraged to cooperate fully with this national economic empowerment initiative.

SIGNED: 
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