



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## HOARDING OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) has received reports of artificial shortage of petroleum products in the country particularly in Western Kenya, despite the country being sufficiently stocked.

Preliminary investigations indicate that a number of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are deliberately holding back sales to non-franchised petroleum retailers otherwise known as independents, in anticipation for a price increase. This practice is tantamount to hoarding and is an offence under Section 99(1)(k) of the Petroleum Act No. 2 of 2019.

Accordingly, OMCs and petroleum retail station dealers are hereby warned that companies or individuals found to deliberately hold back sales of petroleum products will be deemed to have hoarded, and shall on conviction be **liable to a fine of not less than one million Kenya Shillings, or a term of imprisonment of not less than one year, or both.**

In addition, EPRA shall not hesitate to permanently revoke licences for companies or individuals found in breach of the above mentioned provision.

Members of the public are hereby encouraged to immediately report any suspected instances of petroleum products hoarding to EPRA through [compliance@epra.go.ke](mailto:compliance@epra.go.ke) or hotline numbers 0708 000 444.

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