



## **INVITATION FOR FEEDBACK AND MEMORANDA ON THE DRAFT CROPS(COFFEE) (GENERAL)(AMMENDMENTS)REGULATIONS, 2021**

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives has continued to undertake reforms in the coffee industry. The reforms are aimed at addressing challenges in the coffee industry which have affected the coffee industry performance. The Coffee industry continues to be a source of livelihood to many Kenyans, earns the country the much-needed foreign exchange, contributes to the National GDP, is a source of employment and is recognized as a major contributor towards the attainment of the Big Four Agenda. Due to its effective forward and backward linkages, the industry supports an estimated five million people in Kenya.

Some of the challenges facing the coffee industry include; low coffee production & productivity, climate change, high cost of inputs, low coffee prices, aging coffee farmers, obsolete primary coffee processing machinery and lack of a facilitative legal framework for development and growth of the coffee industry.

The Ministry recently established the Cherry Revolving Fund which seeks to shorten the time coffee growers wait for coffee payments and the cherry fund also improves the liquidity amongst the growers. The Cherry Revolving Fund is being administered by the New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (NKPCU) Ltd and the fund attracts an interest rate of 3% per annum. NKPCU Ltd has introduced other financing products informed by needs expressed by coffee growers.

The Ministry is also in the process of implementing a Coffee Revitalization Project in partnership with the World Bank and the project addresses; production challenges, rehabilitation and automation of primary coffee factories, youth in coffee, among other key interventions.

The Ministry has drafted the "Crops (Coffee)(General) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021" which seek to address some of the prevailing legislative gaps in the coffee industry. The national Task force appointed in 2016 by H.E the Head of State cited the existence of a non-facilitative legal framework for the development, promotion and regulation of the Coffee Industry.

The draft regulations address existing conflicts of interest along the value chain, streamlines coffee trading, and addresses duplication of legislation, among other important thematic areas.

The industry stakeholders and the public are invited to critique/review the draft regulations to ensure they are facilitative and that all their issues are addressed. Please access the Regulations at the following links;

- ✓ <http://coffee.agricultureauthority.go.ke/index.php/call-for-public-comments-coffee-regulations>
- ✓ <http://www.agricultureauthority.go.ke/index.php/en/call-for-public-comments/category/63-call-for-public-comments-coffee-regulations>
- ✓ <https://kilimo.go.ke/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Final-Crops-Coffee-GeneralRegulations-2021-FINAL-08.11.2021.pdf>

Written memoranda are welcome and may be deposited with the AFA-Coffee Directorate email - [directorcoffee@afa.go.ke](mailto:directorcoffee@afa.go.ke)/ [infocoffee@afa.go.ke](mailto:infocoffee@afa.go.ke)

Clarifications on the regulations may be sought from Eng. Enosh O. Akuma, the Director of the Coffee Directorate, +254 0710 670 026 /+254 0723 443 187.

Your feedback will go a long way towards ensuring a facilitative legal framework is established for the coffee industry.

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