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REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED TRUCKS CARRYING MAIZE FLOUR AND OTHER CARGO AT ELEGU-NIMULE ONE STOP BORDER POST

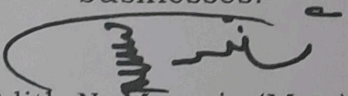
The above subject matter refers.

It has come to our notice that in the past two weeks, over 40 Ugandan registered trucks transporting maize flour were impounded on their way to Juba by South Sudan Bureau of Standards. These trucks are held up in an isolated parking 7kms into South Sudan and the major reason for impounding them is that it is alleged they are carrying aflatoxin affected maize flour which is not fit for human consumption.

We are also informed that the impounded consignments failed to pass the rapid tests which were conducted at Nimule border and they await confirmatory results as samples have been exported for further investigation. However, there is no clear time line as to when the confirmatory results shall be available. It is now over two weeks since the first consignments was impounded and this is fueling a strike by the affected parties at Elegu-Nimule border.

The purpose of this letter is therefore, to suggest the following in order to address the matter;

- i) You make use of the Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS) Laboratory Facility in Gulu that was provided by TradeMark Africa (TMA) in July 2022.
- ii) Allow the truck drivers to offload the maize flour in a particular designated area and South Sudan Bureau of Standards continues with their investigation into the quality of the maize flour.
- iii) Release both the trucks and drivers to come back to Uganda for other businesses.


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