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*Title:* Air Quality Regulations and Implementation in Kenya and Next Steps

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# Outline of the Presentation

- a) Mandate of the NEMA
- b) Provisions of EMCA, 1999
- c) Why the Air Quality Regulations?
- d) Brief on key Provisions of the Regulations
- e) What has been done on Emission Reduction?
- f) Status of Implementation*
- g) Challenges*
- h) Way Forward

# Background

## Global Level

- WHO, 2014 Report indicates that 3.7 Million premature deaths worldwide occurred in 2012 especially due to exposure to small particulate matter of 10 microns or less in diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>)
- Low-and middle-income countries disproportionately experience the burden of outdoor air pollution with 88% of the 3.7 million premature deaths due to air pollution

# Background(2)

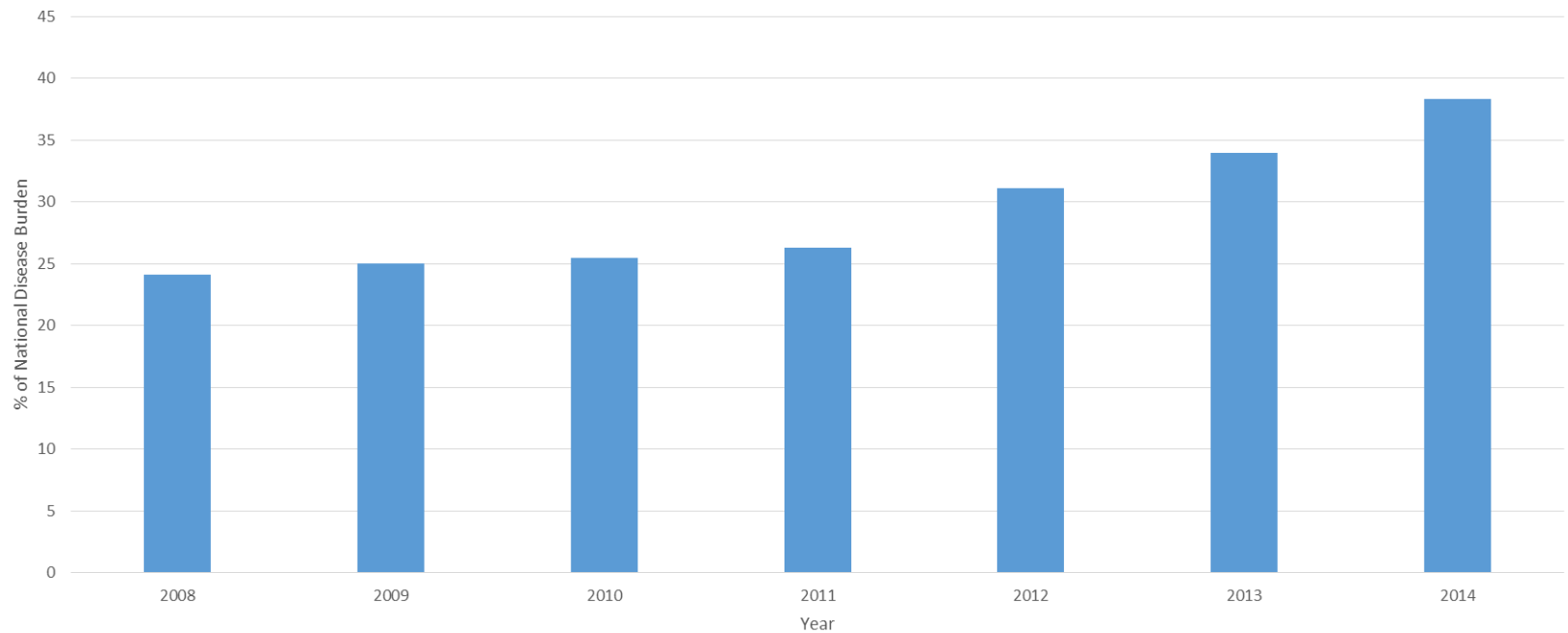
## **National Level**

- The state of air quality has deteriorated over the years, resulting in increased reported cases of Upper Respiratory Tract Infections (URTI).
- The Economic Survey of 2014 indicates that 47 million cases reported of morbidity in Kenya; about 17 million cases were attributed to respiratory diseases.

# Background(3)

- This indicated an increased trend of 24.1%, 25.0%, 25.5%, 26.3%, and 31.1%, 34%, 36.2% for the period 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively.
- Above statistics indicate the Upper Respiratory Tract Infections (URTI) as a national burden of disease had reached 36% in 2014.

# Morbidity Cases due to URTIs



# Causes of the Air Pollution

The above situation is aggravated by:

- a) use of obsolete industrial production technologies without the appropriate air pollution control systems,
- b) use of poorly maintained second-hand vehicles,
- c) use of adulterated and dirty fuels,
- d) use of dirty fuels in polluting domestic cook-stoves with minimal ventilation features, and
- e) open-burning of wastes within the waste management system.



# Sources of Air Pollutants

- Sources that cause deterioration of the ambient air quality due to release of air pollutants include the:
  - (a) Industrial Sector
    - *Stack Emissions (Chimney),*
    - *Fugitive Emissions(indoor Air Quality Levels, Non-point Sources, Material Handling, Pavements(paved or Unpaved)*
  - (b)Energy Sector,*
  - (c)Transport Sector,(8yr age limit rule applied)*
  - (d)Waste Disposal Systems,
  - (e)Domestic Cooking and Lighting Activities

# Air Quality Standards & Guidelines

The Authority is obliged to recommend the:

- a) Ambient air quality standards;
- b) Occupational air quality standards;
- c) Emission standards for various sources;
- d) Criteria and guidelines for air pollution control for mobile and stationary sources*
- e) Any other air quality standards.

A taskforce formulated the Air Regulations, 2014.

# Contents of the Regulations

Parts of the Regulations:

*Part I: Preliminary*

Part II: General  
Prohibitions

Part III: Permissible  
Levels

Part IV: Controlled Areas

Part V: Stationary  
Sources

*Part VI: Mobile Sources*

*Part VII: Occupational Air  
Quality Limits*

Part VIII: Other Sources

Part IX: Licences

Part X: Appeals

*Part XI: Methods of  
Measurement, Analysis  
and Laboratories*

*Part XII: Inspection and  
Monitoring*

*Part XIII: Reporting*

*Part XIV: Miscellaneous*

Schedules: 14 No.

# Part V: Mobile Sources

- Mobile sources means a moving producer of air pollution, mainly forms of transport such as *motorcycles, cars, trucks, trains and aeroplanes*.
- It regulates control of emissions from internal combustion engines,
- It defines general vehicular emission sources and vehicular emission limits.
- The Priority Air Pollutants (PAP) from mobile sources as include:-
  - Hydrocarbons, Volatile organic compounds, *Sulphur dioxide*, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide

# Part V: Mobile Sources(2)

- Reg (25) Prohibits emission of visible air pollutants from a stationary vehicle in excess of the limits set out under the prescribed *Kenya Standard*.
- Reg(25) obliges every owner or operator of a mobile source to control emission of PAPs listed under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule.
- Emissions from internal combustion engines should not exceed the vehicular emission limits prescribed under the *Kenya Standard*

# Part V: Mobile Sources(3)

- It defines the methods of test for vehicular emissions and the inspection period for motor vehicles,
- Reg (26) indicates that the Authority in consultation with the agency responsible for motor vehicle inspection may order inspection of a vehicle emitting visible exhaust emissions
- Reg (27) requires all Commercial and PSV vehicles to be tested for exhaust emissions annually

# Part V: Mobile Sources(4)

- *It requires private vehicles to be tested for exhaust emissions once every two years.*
- It obliges the Authority in consultation with MVIU to designate private vehicular emission testing garages,
- NEMA and MVIU developed an evaluation criteria for these garages
- It regulates vehicular emissions in accordance with KS 1515 as indicated under the Fifth Schedule
- KS 1515 undergoing review to conform to Euro IV Standards(*mechanical safety comments received-Environmental compliance remains pending*)

# Implementation of the Regulations

- Establishment of *Baseline Ambient Air Quality Levels*
- 1No. Mobile Air Monitoring Laboratory for monitoring ambient air quality levels
- **Monitoring Program** – No national monitoring program for ambient air quality levels
- One monitoring station on top of Mount Kenya for measuring background CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, and MH<sub>4</sub> for the Global Atmospheric Watch program



# Air Quality Monitoring

Few studies have been carried out on status of air quality in Kenya. These include:

- Nairobi about 8; Mombasa and Kisumu about 2 or 3; respectively ; Thika and its environs – 1
- The study periods – average of 10 days over a 12 hour duration each day in the years: 1990, 1996, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2014
- Source of funding – Columbia and Gothenburg universities, as well as the National Council of Science and Technology, Universities, GOK.

# Capacity to Address Air Quality Issues

- **Overview of Ambient Air Quality Levels** – limited data from adhoc measurements of ambient air quality levels for academic requirements and as response to air pollution complaints.
- **Analytical Capacity for Emission Measurements** – About 3 No laboratories that have the necessary equipment for carrying out stack emission measurements.
- **Vehicular Exhaust Emission Measurement** – 17No. motor vehicle inspection centres in the country and 1No. mobile laboratory for roadside monitoring of vehicular exhaust

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# Requirements for Implementation of Air Quality Regulations

- An Implementation Strategy and Implementation Plan have been developed;
- The Strategy includes:
  - Determination of baseline ambient air quality levels;
  - Establishment of a National Air Quality Monitoring Program;
  - Establishment of a National Emission Source Inventory;
  - Strengthen the technical and analytical

# Challenges in Monitoring Air Quality

- a) Few experts on air pollution dispersion modelling
- b) Limited experts on air pollution control systems
- c) Inadequate performance monitoring of the facilities,
- d) Poor uptake of the industry self-regulation principle, i.e. few have installed a Continuous Emission Monitoring System as required.
- e) Few facilities operating under ISO14000

# Challenges in Monitoring Air Quality(2)

- a) Unethical practices on reporting on self-monitoring requirements,
- b) Limited analytical capacity (Public and private sectors), *some unethical on reporting*
- c) Zoning conflicts due to misuse of 'change of user' planning option.
- d) Non-adherence to planning guidelines

# Strategies to Improve Air Quality in Cities(1)

## National Level

- a) Fast-track implementation of the Air Quality Regulations, 2014.
- b) Establish baseline Ambient Air Quality Levels.
- c) Determine inventory of priority air pollutants Sources.
- d) Identify local laboratories which can be reoriented to carry out stack emission measurements
- e) Build/create technical capacity on air pollution control technologies

# Strategies to Improve Air Quality in Cities(2)

## •National Level – *Transport Sector*

- a) Provide adequate equipment at the vehicle inspection centres
- b) Provide training and skills development to the staff at the Vehicle inspection units
- c) Identify public garages that can be upgraded to vehicular exhaust emission testing centres
- d) Designate private garages as testing centres for vehicular exhaust emissions measurements;
- e) Promote attitudinal change towards



# Strategies to Improve Air Quality in Cities(3)

## Sub-regional Level

- a) Harmonise the air quality regulations at the EAC level
- b) Implement the 50ppm sulphur content as per the EAS 178
- c) Harmonise the vehicle inspection code of practices
- d) Adopt a common age limit for vehicles imported into the region
- e) Harmonise the vehicular emission limits in the region
- f) Establish a regional network of experts on

# Summary of Requirements

## (a) Stationary Sources

- ✓ Install appropriate air pollution control systems
- ✓ Submit self-monitoring stack emission measurements as per Reg(68)
- ✓ Ensure EA reports– *indoor air quality surveys*
- ✓ Information to workers on exposure levels

## (b) Mobile Sources

- ✓ Ensure regular maintenance of our vehicles
- ✓ Respect time of others–*follow driving guidelines*

# Summary of Requirements(2)

## (c)Waste Disposal Systems

- ✓ Minimise open-burning of wastes
- ✓ Promote adoption of best environmental practices in waste management

## (d) Domestic Cooking & Lighting Activities

- ✓ Install adequate and appropriate ventilation in residential places
- ✓ Promote adoption of clean cooking stoves
- ✓ Promote uptake of solar lighting

# Actions Taken

- Inspection of cases on *air pollution complaints*
- Commissioned laboratories to carry out *stack emission measurements* at some facilities
- Commissioned a Laboratory to carry out *ambient air quality measurements* at some hotspot areas
- Requested high risk facilities to submit their stack emission monitoring records to the Authority as per Reg(68) (*energy sector, cement sector, steel sector, Sugar sector, among others*)
- *Preliminary assessment of stationary sources*

# Challenges

- Inadequate experts on air pollution control systems
- Inadequate analytical capacity on stack emission and ambient air quality measurements (*Public and Private*)
- Unethical Practice by some of the experts
- Unethical practice by some operators on self-monitoring reporting
- *Zoning conflicts due to 'change of user' option in planning*

# Way Forward

- a) To build analytical capacity of the laboratories on air quality measurements
- b) To review legislations on tax regime for importation of used v.v. new vehicles
- c) To review the environmental and health impacts of fuel subsidies
- d) To promote trainings on air quality issues
- e) To promote establishment of a network of experts on air quality issues in the region
- f) To promote compliance with land-use planning and zoning requirements;
- g) To promote uptake of energy saving technologies at the domestic or household level;

# Way Forward

- Review KS 1515 to conform to Euro IV Stds
- Review:
  - Vehicular exhaust emission limits
  - Noise emission limitsto enhance environmental compliance.
- Develop “vehicle standards” for Kenya

*End*

*Thank You All*