



THE SACCO SOCIETIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY (SASRA)

Our Ref: Circular No. SASRA/GG/03/2021

24th March, 2021

Chief Executive Officers
All SACCO Societies in Kenya

Dear Sirs/Madam,

RE: MANDATORY COMPLIANCE WITH PRIVATE SECURITY REGULATIONS ACT, NO. 13 OF 2016 BY SACCO SOCIETIES IN KENYA

The Authority has received a directive from the *Private Security Regulatory Authority (Ministry of Interior & Co-ordination of National Government)* directing all SACCO Societies to fully comply with the provisions of the ***Private Security Regulations Act, No. 13 of 2016***, when procuring or hiring the services of private security companies or firms.

In particular, the directive requires all SACCO Societies to always undertake sufficient and adequate due diligence in the procurement or hiring of private security companies or firms with a view to ensuring that such private security companies or firms –

- a) have or possess valid certificate of registration issued by the *Private Security Regulatory Authority* in accordance with the said Act; and
- b) the persons in the said companies or firms performing the executive or management functions possess valid certificate of security training issued by the *Private Security Regulatory Authority* in accordance with the said Act.

In this regard, particular attention should be made to the provisions of **Section 69(1) of the *Private Security Regulations Act*** which provides inter alia that, “[A] person who –

(b) employs as an armed or unarmed security guard or any person who is not registered as such under this Act... or knowingly hires, employs or otherwise engages the services of any unlicensed private security firm or unregistered private security guard... or otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of this Act or any regulations made hereunder or the code of conduct...” commits an offence”.

The purpose of this circular is therefore to advise all SACCO Societies of the operationalization of the said ***Private Security Regulations Act No. 13 of 2016***; and further advise SACCO Societies to take measures towards ensuring that –

- a) any existing private security company or firm or person offering private security services to a SACCO Society, is fully compliant with the said Act, and is in possession of appropriate certificates as prescribed in law;
- b) all future procurement or hiring of private security companies or firms or persons to offer security services are subject to prior vetting for compliance with the said Act, including possession of appropriate certificates as prescribed; and
- c) the contents of this circular is immediately brought to the attention of the Board of Directors and members of the Supervisory Committee for appropriate action.

Any queries or clarifications in this regard, may be directed to the offices of the ***Private Security Regulatory Authority, Head of Legal and Compliance, Lonrho House, 10th Floor, Standard Street, Nairobi.***

Kindly take note and secure full compliance in order to avoid incurring any criminal sanctions or culpability.

Yours faithfully



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