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**CHAMBER OF AUTODATA GHANA THANKS GOVERNMENT FOR
SUSPENDING PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION OF IMPORTED USED VEHICLES**

Part One: A Government That Listens

The Chamber of Autodata Ghana wishes to express its sincere appreciation to His Excellency the President of the Republic, John Dramani Mahama, the Government of Ghana and the Office of the President; the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin; the Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Nikpe Bukari; the Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofose-Adjare; and the Director-General of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Professor George Agyei, for listening to our concerns and giving due consideration to the petition we submitted.

On Monday, 5th October 2026, the GSA announced the suspension of the pre-shipment inspection exercise for imported used vehicles, with a new date for implementation to be communicated in due course (Notice No. GSA/DGS/PN/26/11). The Chamber warmly welcomes this decision. It reflects a listening President and a responsive Government, and a regulator willing to consider the practical realities facing vehicle importers, dealers, clearing agents and the many Ghanaians who depend on used vehicles for their mobility and livelihoods.

The decision also affirms the value of constructive, lawful engagement. The Chamber chose dialogue over confrontation and set out its concerns in writing through the proper channels, by petitioning the Presidency. The petition was forwarded through the Ministry of Transport to the Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry for consideration, and our concerns have now been heard, with the suspension of the pre-shipment inspection exercise.

We wish to restate that the Chamber does not oppose the safety and quality objectives of the National Vehicle Homologation and Conformity Assessment Programme. Our concern has always been the timing and manner of implementation. The suspension now gives all parties the space to get it right, and the Chamber looks forward to working with the GSA and the relevant Ministries on the outstanding matters raised in our petition, namely:

- a phased transition for vehicles already purchased, in transit or under shipment arrangements;
- a published, itemised fee schedule for used-vehicle conformity assessment, together with the list of accredited inspection bodies;
- distinct treatment for commercial haulage vehicles that move foodstuffs and other essential goods; and
- written clarification on any annual licence fee or import volume limit for importers.

We urge our members and all vehicle importers to continue to comply with existing regulations and to use this period to prepare for the eventual implementation of the Programme.

Part Two: Chronology of Events



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Early August 2026: The GSA issued a public notice announcing strict enforcement of the National Vehicle Homologation and Conformity Assessment Programme (GS 4510:2022) from 1st October 2026, leaving importers less than eight weeks to adjust sourcing and shipping arrangements already in motion.

10th August 2026: The Chamber petitioned His Excellency the President, requesting a review of the implementation timeline, the transparency of associated costs and the treatment of commercial haulage vehicles. The petition was copied to the Ministers for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Transport and Finance; the Director-General of the GSA; the Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Shippers' Authority; and the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament.

18th August 2026: The Office of the President forwarded the petition to the Ministry of Transport under reference OPS307/26/1175.

Thereafter: The Ministry of Transport forwarded the petition to the Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, requesting its advice on the concerns raised, and copied the Chamber.

5th October 2026: The GSA suspended the pre-shipment inspection exercise for imported used vehicles, with a new implementation date to be communicated in due course.

The Chamber remains committed to constructive engagement with Government and the GSA in the interest of road safety, a fair business environment and affordable mobility for all Ghanaians.

Signed,

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Note to editors: The Chamber of Autodata Ghana represents used vehicle importers, dealers and allied businesses nationwide.