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LRA TO LICENSE CUSTOMS BROKER FIRMS



A partial view of participants at the LRA Customs Brokers engagement

(Monrovia, March 7, 2019) The Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) through its Professional Responsibility Section has concluded a day dialogue with Customs Brokerage firms across the country.

The aimed of the meeting was to abreast existing and prospective clearing firms with the rules and requirements regarding the process of licensing Customs Broker Firms.

During the interaction, the LRA management provided insight to the existing laws and encouraged customs broker firms to abide by the regulation laid down in the Customs Brokers Administrative Regulation and the Disciplinary Guide, including the Sanction Regime for Violation of Professional Conduct.



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Making remarks at the program, Customs Commissioner Saa Saamoi urged heads of clearing firms in Liberia to remain in full compliance in meeting the set criteria as enshrined in the Customs Brokers Administrative Regulation and the Disciplinary Guide.

Commissioner Saamoi said the role of customs clearing firms are cardinal to the growth and development of businesses engaged in importation.

“You need to go just beyond clearing of containers, take your work to another level by technically advising your respective clients when they go wrong,” he added.

According to Commissioner Saamoi, broker firms have between now to June 30, 2019 to meet all basic requirements in obtaining their operational licenses.

He said that access to the ASYCUDA system will be granted to only broker firms meeting the set criteria after the June 30 deadline.

The dialogue brought together over seventy five (75) heads of clearing firms including the president of the National Customs Brokers Association of Liberia (NCBAL) Ivan Tumbay.

The move by the LRA is aimed at transforming and professionalizing the customs broker sector and creating integrity, competence and transparency.