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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**TO**

**THE SUPPLIES PRACTITIONERS' MANAGEMENT (CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES) GUIDELINES, 2024**

**PART I**

**Name of the Statutory Instrument:** Supplies Practitioners Management (Continuous Professional Development Programmes) Guidelines, 2024.

**Name of the Parent Act:** Supplies Practitioners Management Act (Cap 537).

**Enacted Pursuant to** Section 16 (10) of the Act.

**Regulation-making authority:** Kenya Institute of Supplies Management.

**PART II**

**A. Purpose of the Guidelines.**

1. The Guidelines seek to operationalise section 16 (10) of the Supplies Practitioners Management Act, Cap. 537, which obligates members of the Institute to undergo such continuous professional development programmes prescribed by the Council.
  
2. The main objective of the Guidelines is therefore to ensure that the skills and competencies of members of the Institute are continuously enhanced through regular training on supply chain management. Additionally, the Guidelines provide a framework for the promotion of the practice of supply chain management to improve service delivery.

**B. The Legislative Context:**

3. The Supplies Practitioners Management Act, Cap. 537 seeks to make provision for the training, registration and licensing of supplies practitioners and to regulate the Practice.
4. Section 16 (10) of the Supplies Practitioners Management Act, Cap. 537 requires the Council to prescribe the CPD programme for the membership.

**C. Policy Background**

5. In recognition of the fast-evolving, dynamic, volatile, uncertain, complex, chaotic and ambiguous (VUCCA) operating environment of supply chain management, it is necessary and critical for professionals to continually equip themselves with the necessary knowledge and expertise required to perform their duties effectively.
6. Kenya Institute of Supply Chain Management (KISM) was established to regulate the supply chain profession in Kenya and it is of paramount importance that the Institute provides a platform in which members can effectively obtain knowledge through training and competency-based workshops aimed at building their capabilities in this dynamic world.
7. Through the CPD Guidelines, an in-depth programme is developed annually to assist members in attaining the required professional competence to execute their duties seamlessly and address emerging issues within the supply chain arena. In principle, KISM is committed to a CPD system that is not only flexible, cost-effective, and user-friendly (affordable) but also accessible to all SCM practitioners.

#### D. Public Consultations

8. The Institute held consultative meetings on the draft Guidelines between 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024. To facilitate engagement with members of the Institute and the wider public, the Institute held meetings in Nakuru, Kisumu, Eldoret, Embu, Kitui, Wajir, Kilifi, Mombasa and Nairobi. Additionally, the Institute convened with representatives from the National Treasury, the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, the Law Society of Kenya and the Association of Professional Societies of East Africa.
9. The participants appreciated the Council for developing the Guidelines noting that they were critical in enhancing the flexibility, credibility, quality and accessibility of CPD programmes.
10. Members proposed a reduction of the CPD Hours that may be accrued from attendance of structured continuous professional development programmes from 34 to 30 and similarly the reduction of the CPD Hours that may be accrued from attendance of unstructured continuous professional development programmes from 16 to 10. The Council agreed with this proposal and revised paragraph 8 of the Guidelines to obligate members to acquire thirty CPD hours from a structured continuous professional development programme and ten CPD hours from an unstructured continuous professional development programme.
11. Equally, members proposed further specification on the nature of activities that constitute an unstructured continuous professional development programme and the Council adopted this proposal and revised paragraph 7(2) of the Guidelines to incorporate the same.

E. Guidance

12. The Council will sensitise key stakeholders including National and County Governments on the provisions of the Guidelines.

F. Impact

13. The proposed Guidelines do not contravene any constitutional provisions nor do they have any retrospective effect on any constitutional provisions. Additionally, the Guidelines neither infringe on the public's fundamental rights and freedoms. The Guidelines give operational procedures in regard to the conduct of CPD Programmes as contemplated under section 16(10) of the Act.

G. Monitoring and Review

14. The Council shall monitor the implementation of these Guidelines.

H. Contact

15. The contact person at the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management shall be the Chairperson of the Council.

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