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THE MERU COUNTY MIRAA PROMOTION BILL, 2025

A Bill for

AN ACT of the County Assembly of Meru to provide for the promotion, protection, regulation and licensing of the supply, trade, distribution and transportation of Miraa, and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Meru as follows—

PART I— PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Meru County Miraa Promotion Act, 2025 and shall come into operation upon publication in the *Gazette.*

Interpretation

Cap 317

No. 13 of 2014

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

"Aggregator" means a person who buys, and bulks miraa and miraa products for purposes of collective marketing;

"Aggregation center" means an area designated for bulking, handling, storage and stock control and packaging on regular and sustainable basis to ensure that all produce conform to relevant quality and food safety standards.

"Authority" means the Agriculture and Food Authority established under section 3 of the Agriculture and Food Authority Act, 2013;

"Corporation" means the Meru County Investment and Development Corporation established under Section 4 of the Meru County Investment and Development Corporation Act, 2014;

"County Government" means the County Government of Meru;

"Commercial nursery operator" means a person who has at least five thousand seedlings in their nursery and propagates miraa planting material for sale;

"Commercial transporter" means a person who transports miraa through motor vehicles such as saloon car, pick-ups, Lorries, Buses or any other mode of transportation at a fee;

"Codes of practice" means the Miraa (khat) Industry- Codes of practice;

"Co-operative society" means a society registered under Section 19 of the Meru County Co-operatives Societies Act, 2014;

"Crop inspector" means an inspector appointed as a County inspector;

"Dealer" includes aggregator, commercial transporter, vendor, aggregation center, exporter or importer of miraa;

"Designated point;" means an area set aside for sale of miraa by the County Government;

"Executive Member" means the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Agriculture;

"Exporter" means a person licensed by the Corporation to export miraa or miraa products;

"Export permit and import permit" means a permit issued under part II of this Act to export/import miraa or miraa products;

"Export or import consignment" means quantity declared by applicant of the permit;

"Forum" means the Meru County Miraa Promotion Forum established by Section 5;

"Grower" means a person who cultivates miraa and includes a person who enters into an agreement with the owner of the farm to cultivate and harvest a consideration;

"Growers' associations" includes any association, common interest group, community based group, co-operative union, self-help group of miraa growers or any other legal entity of miraa growers;

"Importer" means a person licensed by the Corporation to import miraa or miraa products;

"License" means a license issued under this Act;

"Licensing authority" means the Corporation or the County Government as the case maybe;

"person" includes an individual, a company, an association, cooperative society or a corporate body;

"Miraa" means the plant or part of the plant (meaning the leaves, stems and shoots) of *Cathus genus* known botanically as *Catha edulis;*

"Miraa Plucker" means a person who is engaged in the manual harvesting or picking Miraa from the plant, whether for personal use, on behalf of a grower, or for commercial purposes, and includes a person contracted or employed for such activity: Provided that no person under the

age of 18 years shall be engaged as a Miraa plucker;

"Miraa products" means any product, extract or substance obtained or derived from Miraa by any treatment or processing;

"Miraa vendor" means a person who sells miraa for consumption at a point designated by the County Government.

Objects of the Act

3. The object and purpose of this Act is to—

(a) promote the development and regulation of Miraa for the benefit of the Miraa growers and stakeholders in the industry;

(b) promote increased crop productivity of Miraa for smallholder farmers;

(c) promote the regulation of the growth and trade of Miraa in consultation with the Authority;

(d) protect and encourage investment in Miraa development;

(e) procedures and conditions for registration of dealers;

(f) procedures, terms and conditions for the issuance of licences and permits under this Act;

(g) provide for issuance of export and import permits;

(h) collection and maintenance of data related to Miraa;

(i) ensure compliance and enforcement of miraa standards to ensure quality assurance and safety;

(j) promotion of best practices in production, grading, transportation sorting, packaging and packing of Miraa;

(k) promote public awareness about the growth and use of Miraa;

(l) promote and implement effective measures to promote trade of Miraa;

(m) guidance on contracts between buyers and growers of miraa;

(n) assurance of safety and quality of produce and products;

(o) marketing of Miraa produce and products;

(p) promote research and dissemination of information on the trading of Miraa;

(q) such other purposes as may be necessary for effecting the provision of this Act.

Application of the Act

4. This Act applies to—

(a) the County Government and its agencies;

(b) the private sector; and

(c) the informal sector.

PART II—ADMINISTRATION

Establishment of the Meru County Miraa Promotion Forum

5. (1) There is an established the Meru County Miraa Promotion Forum.

(2) The Forum shall consist of—

(a) the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Agriculture as the chairperson;

(b) the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Trade and Cooperatives;

(c) the Managing Director Meru County Investment and Development Corporation;

(d) the Chief Officer responsible for matters related to Agriculture;

(e) the Chief Officer responsible for matters related to Trade and Cooperatives;

(f) the Chief Officer responsible for matters related to Finance;

(g) the County Solicitor;

(h) the Chief Officer responsible for matters related to Roads and infrastructure; and

(i) five (5) representatives of the Miraa Cooperative Union established in the County.

(j) the forum may co-opt member as need may arise

(3) The members appointed under sub-section (2) (i) shall be eligible for appointment if they possess at least an academic certificate from a tertiary institution recognized in Kenya.

(4) The Forum shall be responsible for—

(a) regulate the growth and trade of Miraa;

(b) register Miraa growers and dealers;

(c) all licences issued by the Corporation and the County

Government must be issued upon the recommendation of the Forum and upon meeting all the requisite qualifications;

(d) enforce the pricing guidelines that are passed by the Authority in consultation with cooperative union;

(e) providing a platform for consultations and dialogue among Miraa co-operative societies;

(f) reviewing and monitoring the growth and development of Miraa co-operative societies and the Miraa industry;

(g) identifying and proposing policies, programs and plans to be adopted for promoting and supporting growth and development of Miraa industry;

(h) facilitating co-ordination of the implementation of this Act;

(i) maintain a register of growers, producers, dealers and traders;

(j) advise the County Government on matters relating to Miraa;

(k) collaborate with the national, County and international bodies whose functions relate to the Miraa industry;

(l) undertake research and policy development on growth and use of Miraa in collaboration with relevant authority; and

(m) carrying out any other function assigned by the Executive Member.

(4) The County Director Agriculture shall be the secretary of the Forum.

(5) The Executive Member shall prescribe the procedures for conduct of business and affairs of the Forum.

(6) The Forum members shall be remunerated as prescribed by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

(7) The Forum shall cause to be kept and maintained a register containing the particulars as follows—

(a) name of a Mia grower, trader and seller;

(b) national identification number of a Miraa grower, trader and seller;

(c) age of a Miraa grower, trader and seller;

(d) location within which Miraa grower, trader and seller operates;

(e) particulars of all Miraa licence and permit holders in the County; and

(f) such other matters as the Forum may prescribe.

Registration of Miraa Co-operative Societies
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6. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a Miraa Co-operative society which has as its objects—

(a) the promotion of the welfare and economic interests of it's members; and

(b) has incorporated in its by-laws the following co-operative principles—

(i) voluntary and open membership;

(ii) democratic member control;

(iii) economic participation by members;

(iv) autonomy and independence;

(v) education, training and information;

(vi) co-operation among co-operatives; and

(vii) concern for community in general,

may be registered by the Meru County Directorate of Co-operatives as a co-operative society under the Meru County Co-operatives Societies Act, 2014 with or without limited liability to promote the Miraa industry.

(2) The registration of Miraa Co-operative Societies in the County will promote the growth and development of the Miraa industry by promoting the registration of farmers, regulation of the Miraa industry, protection of growers and dealers, marketing of the produce, and provide for dividends amongst the co-operative societies members.

(3) The Miraa Co-operative Union in collaboration with the Corporation shall establish and manage aggregation centres in the predominantly Miraa growing areas in the County.

(4) The Miraa Co-operative Societies shall ensure that all collection, handling, storage, stock control and packaging will be done at the aggregation centers to ensure that all Miraa produce conforms to relevant quality and food safety standards.

(5) The Corporation shall support and empower the Miraa Co-operative Societies to manage the Miraa trade and promote the sale and distribution of Miraa from the aggregation centers set up in the predominantly miraa growing areas.

PART III—REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MIRAA GROWERS AND DEALERS

Licensing of a Miraa Commercial nursery operator

7. (1) A person shall not establish or operate a Miraa commercial nursery with at least five thousand Miraa seedlings in any area in the County unless the person has a valid licence from the County.

(2) A Miraa Commercial Nursery operator shall apply for a licence from the County Government to establish the nursery as prescribed in Form CGM 01 as set out in the First Schedule.

(3) The County Government shall issue an annual licence to a successful applicant within five working days in Form CGM 02 as set out in the First Schedule.

(4) Before issuing a licence to a commercial nursery, the County Government shall satisfy itself that the applicant has complied with this Act and any other relevant law and has confirmed that the applicant complies with the following requirements—

(a) the land is suitable for propagating miraa seedlings;

(b) the site is well served with a reliable irrigation quality water source;

(c) the site is accessible for inspection and collection of planting material;

(d) the applicant has clearance from an accredited source of mother plants;

(e) the land is gently sloping and the soil type is of good drainage and does not allow water logging; and

(f) the applicant has adequate relevant knowledge in nursery management.

(5) The County Government shall, if satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements in paragraph (4), issue to the applicant a licence in Form CGM 02 set out in the First Schedule in respect of the inspected site.

(6) Where the applicant does not meet the requirements in paragraph (4), the County Government shall reject the application and notify the applicant of the reasons for the rejection.

(7) Where the requirements in paragraph (4) have been met, the applicant whose application is rejected under paragraph (6) may resubmit the application for consideration.

(8) A commercial nursery operator shall submit annual returns to the

County Government as set out in Form CGM 03 not later than the tenth day of the first month after the end of the financial year.

(9) A person who operates a commercial nursery as such without a license in accordance with this Act commits an offence.

Registration of growers' associations.

8. (1) All smallholder growers for purposes of accessing economies of scale may register with a growers' association registered by the Corporation.

(2) The growers' associations shall apply to the Corporation for registration as set out in the first schedule in Form CGM 04.

(3) The Corporation shall issue a certificate of registration to growers' associations in Form CGM 05 as set out in the first Schedule.

(4) The growers' associations shall submit updated particulars of their members to the Corporation annually.

Registration and licensing of a aggregator

9. (1) No person shall carry out business as a Miraa aggregator without a registration certificate from the Corporation with approval from the Forum.

(2) A person who contravenes Section 9 (1) commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to a fine not exceeding five million shillings or both.

(3) A person who intends to be a Miraa aggregator shall apply for registration to the Corporation upon recommendation by the Forum in Form CGM 06 as set out in the First Schedule.

(4) The Corporation shall issue a certificate of registration to a successful applicant in Form CGM 07, within seven days of the application as set out in the First Schedule.

(5) A registered Miraa aggregator under sub paragraph (3) shall apply for a licence to the respective County Government as set out in Form CGM 08 in the first schedule.

(6) The County Government shall issue a licence to a registered Miraa aggregator in Form CGM 09 in the first schedule after satisfying itself that the set requirements have been met.

(7) The County Government shall submit to the Corporation a list of licensed Miraa aggregators annually.

(8) A Miraa aggregator shall submit annual returns to the respective County Government in Form CGM10 as set out in the First Schedule not

later than the tenth day of the first month after the end of the financial year.

Registration and licensing of a Miraa commercial transporter

10. (1) A person shall not carry out business as a Miraa commercial transporter without a registration certificate from the Corporation.

(2) A person who contravenes Section 10 (1) commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to a fine not exceeding five million shillings or both.

(3) A person who intends to be a Miraa commercial transporter shall apply for registration to the Corporation in Form CGM11 as set out in the First Schedule.

(4) The Corporation shall issue a certificate of registration upon recommendation of the Forum to a successful Miraa Commercial Transporter in Form CGM12 as set out in the First Schedule.

(5) A registered Miraa commercial transporter under sub paragraph 3 shall apply for a licence to the respective County Government in Form CGM13 as set out in the first schedule.

(6) The County Government shall before licensing or renewing the license of a Miraa Commercial transporter satisfy itself that the applicant has complied with this Act and Miraa (khat) Industry- Code of Practise.

(7) The County Government shall issue a license in the form of a sticker to a registered Miraa Commercial Transporter in Form CGM14 as set out in the First Schedule.

(8) All licensed Miraa Commercial transporters shall display the stickers on the front windscreen of their vehicles while transporting miraa.

(9) The County Government shall submit to the Authority a list of licensed commercial transporters annually.

(10) A commercial transporter who contravenes the registration and transportation provisions of this Act commits an offence.

Licence issuance of a Miraa vending permit

11. (1) No person shall carry out business as a Miraa vendor without a license from the County Government.

(2) An applicant for a Miraa vending license shall apply to the respective County Government in Form CGM15 as set out in the First Schedule.

(3) The County Government shall before issuing a license to a Miraa vendor shall satisfy itself that the applicant has complied with this Act and Miraa (Khat) industry- Code of Practice.

(4) The County Government shall issue a license to successful applicant in Form CGM16 as set out in the First Schedule..

(5) The County Government shall submit to the Corporation a list of licensed Miraa vendors annually.

(6) Vendors shall sell miraa at designated points.

(7) A person who contravenes the provisions of Section 11 commits an offence.

Revocation or suspension of license

12. (1) The licensing Corporation may revoke or suspend a license issued under this part if:

(a) the conditions of issuance of the license are contravened or not complied with or

(b) the licensee or an employee of the licensee commits an offence under this Act or in respect of the licensed activity under any written Law.

(2) The holder of the license shall immediately surrender a license to the Corporation or the Executive Member as the case may be if the license is revoked under sub-section 12 (1) or the purpose for which it is issued or ceases, and it shall cease to have effect forthwith.

(a) Fails to comply with this Act or the conditions set out in the license; or;

(b) Commits an offence under this Act, or any other written law in respect of the activity for which they have been registered.

(3) A person who contravenes sub section 9(1) shall be liable upon conviction to a term not exceeding three years or a fine not exceeding five million shillings or to both.

Transferability of licence or registration certificate

13. A license or a permit issued by the Corporation or the County Government under this Act shall not be transferable to third parties.

Registration of a Miraa exporter and an importer

14. (1) A person shall not carry out business as a Miraa exporter or importer of miraa without a registration certificate from the Corporation in consultation with the Authority.

(2) A person who intends to carry on the business of importing and exporting of miraa shall apply to the Corporation for registration in Form CGM17 as set out in the First Schedule.

(3) The Corporation shall issue a Miraa exporter or Importer certificate of registration to a successful applicant in Form CGM18, within 7 days as set out in the First Schedule.

Licensing of a Miraa exporter

15. (1) A registered Miraa exporter under sub section 11(3) shall apply to the Corporation for a licence in Form CGM19 as set out in the First Schedule.

(2) The Corporation shall issue a licence to a registered Miraa exporter in Form CGM20 as set out in the First Schedule within thirty days and upon payment of a fee as set out in the Third Schedule.

(3) A person who contravenes the provisions of this Act commits an offence.

Licensing of a Miraa importer

16. (1) A registered importer under sub section 14 (3) shall apply for a licence to the Corporation in Form CGM21 as set out in the First Schedule.

(2) The Corporation shall issue a license to a registered importer in Form CGM22 in the first schedule within thirty days and upon payment of a fee as set out in the third schedule.

(3) A person who contravenes the provisions of this Act commits an offence.

Renewal of licenses

17. (1) All licenses issued under this Act shall remain in force until the thirtieth of June next following the date of issue unless earlier cancelled

(2) An application for renewal under this Act shall be made to the Corporation or the County Government as the case maybe, not later than the first day of the month of June in which the current license is due to expire.

(3) An importer or exporter of Miraa shall apply to the Corporation for the renewal upon payment of fee as set out in the Third Schedule.

Issuance of a Miraa export permit.

18. (1) An exporter of miraa and miraa products shall not export miraa and miraa products unless they have a valid export permit issued by the Corporation.

(2) An exporter of miraa and miraa products shall apply to the Corporation for an export permit for each exported consignment in Form CGM23 as set out in the First Schedule.

(3) The Corporation shall within two days after receiving an

application in 18(2), consider the application and upon satisfying itself the requirements have been met and payment of the prescribed fee in the Third Schedule issue an export permit in Form CGM24 as set out in the First Schedule.

(4) The Corporation shall not issue a permit if an exporter is in contravention of the provisions of this Act or any regulations made thereunder.

(5) A person who contravenes provisions of this Act commits an offence.

Issuance of a Miraa import permit

19. (1) An importer of miraa and miraa products shall not import miraa and miraa products unless they have a valid import permit issued by the Corporation.

(2) A Miraa importer shall apply to the Corporation for a pre-import permit for the intended import product in Form CGM 25 set out in the First Schedule.

(3) The Corporation shall upon satisfying itself shall issue a pre-import permit as set out in Form CGM26 in the First Schedule.

(4) A holder of a pre-import permit shall apply to the Corporation for an Import permit for each consignment of miraa and miraa product in Form CGM27 as set out in the First Schedule.

(5) The Corporation shall within two days after receiving an application in Subsection 16(4), consider the application and upon satisfying itself the requirements have been met and payment of the prescribed fee in the Third Schedule issue an import permit in Form CGM28 as set out in the First Schedule.

(6) Imported Miraa and miraa products shall be through designated ports by a licensed importer.

(7) The Corporation shall not issue a permit if an importer is in contravention of the provisions of this Act or any regulations made thereunder.

(8) A person who contravenes provisions of this Act commits an offence.

Revocation or suspension of Miraa export or import permit

20. The Corporation may revoke or suspend the import or export permit if an importer or exporter contravenes the provisions of this Act or any Regulations made thereunder.

Miraa Export and Import quarterly returns.

21. A Miraa exporter or importer shall submit quarterly returns to the Corporation in Form CGM29 as set out in the First Schedule.

PART IV— PRODUCTION AND QUALITY ASSESSMENT OF MIRAA

Quality of planting materials

22. (1) A commercial nursery operator shall—

(a) supply quality planting material in accordance with the Miraa (khat) Industry -code of practice; and

(b) keep accurate records of distributed planting materials and shall produce such records on demand for purposes of inspection.

(2) A person who contravenes sub section (1) commits an offence.

Site selection

23. (1) Site selection for production of miraa shall be in conformity to the set standards as prescribed in the codes of practice.

(2) A person who contravenes sub section (1) commits an offence.

Quality assurance for production

24. In the case of irrigation in miraa production, the water used shall be as prescribed in the codes of practice.

Quality assurance for harvesting and postharvest handling of miraa

25. (1) Water used for postharvest handling of miraa shall be potable water

(2) All produce handling facilities such as pack houses, stores and collection centers, working areas and designated shall be kept free of waste materials.

(3) The packaging shall be designed to suit the transport handling system and have capacity to meet market requirements.

(4) The package weight of the produce should not exceed fifty kilograms.

(5) Miraa produce shall not be stored or transported together with other produce, which may contaminate them or otherwise adversely affect their quality.

(6) Vessel for transport shall be built and equipped to ensure maintenance of optimal temperatures and hygiene to prevent damage, contamination and spoilage of produce.

(7) Dealers handling the produce must be healthy, protected and trained on produce handling.

(8) Quality assurance for handling, packaging, transportation harvesting and postharvest handling produce under this section shall be in accordance with the codes of practice.

(9) A person who contravenes Section 25 commits an offence.

Capacity building/training

26. (1) The Executive Member in consultation with the Corporation shall initiate and coordinate training programmes for service providers, growers and dealers to enable them implement this Act.

(2) The Executive Member in consultation with Corporation and relevant stakeholders shall develop codes of practice to facilitate safe production and handling of produce as per the regional and international standards.

Contracts

27. (1) A dealer in miraa may —

(a) enter into contract with a miraa grower or grower association and register the contract with the County Government and a copy submitted to the Corporation as set out in the Second Schedule.

(b) indicate in the contract the price payable to the grower based on the agreement between the two parties.

(c) pay growers for the Miraa delivered within seven days.

Traceability

28. (1) The Corporation in consultation with relevant stakeholders shall develop and build capacity for implementation of a traceability system for both export and locally consumed miraa produce.

(2) A dealer in miraa shall—

(a) ensure that the miraa produce and products can be traced to the source by providing details in accordance with traceability requirements provided by the Corporation from time to time;

(b) establish and maintain a distinct traceability code for every source of their produce and products;

(c) put in place a system that ensures that miraa produce and product failing to meet food safety standards and requirements can —

(i) be identified and located for removal from the supply chain if necessary; and

(ii) be withdrawn from the supply chain, in consultation with the Corporation, due to immediate health risk.

(3) A person who contravenes the provisions of Section 28 commits an offence.

Inspectors

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29. (1) The Authority shall appoint inspectors to carry out inspections of miraa produce and products to ensure they conform to this Act, national, regional, international standards and any other stipulated requirements as provided in the Act.

(2) The County Governments shall nominate County inspectors and forward to the Authority for appointment and gazettement in order to ensure compliance with the Act within the respective County Government.

(3) A person appointed as a crops inspector and County crops inspector under this Act shall have the following minimum qualifications from a university or institution recognised in Kenya—

(a) Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture or related field; or

(b) Diploma in Agriculture; and with two years' experience in extension service work;

(c) comply with the provisions of the Article 6 and 232 of the Constitution of Kenya and the Public Officer's Ethics and Integrity Act, 2012.

(4) The inspector appointed under this Act shall undergo a mandatory training on inspections offered or recommended by the Authority before gazettement.

(5) The Authority shall gazette all inspectors who have been appointed under (4) successfully undertaken the mandatory training within thirty days upon completion of the training.

(6) The Authority shall develop training curriculum and offer regular trainings of the inspectors to ensure effective carrying out of their duties.

(7) A person who purports to carry out the functions of an inspector without having been dully appointed through a gazette notice commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to penalties prescribed in Section 37 of the Crops Act.

Inspection and verification

30. (1) The Forum in collaboration with the Corporation shall —

(a) conduct inspections and compliance audits to grower associations and dealers from time to time to ensure compliance to this Act.

(b) enforce the pricing guidelines that are passed by the Authority or the Ministry of Agriculture from time to time.

(c) provide feedback to the industry players on non- conformity and build the capacity for corrective measures pursuant to inspections and audits undertaken.

(2) The inspector shall—

(a) monitor activities associated with miraa production, dealing, handling and processing to ensure compliance with this Act;

(b) inspect the fertilizers and chemicals to be used by farmers during miraa production to ensure the meet the standards of health and safety.

(c) regularly undertake surveillance and inspections to ensure that growers and dealers of miraa produce and products adhere to the law, this Act, the terms and conditions of registration and requirements that may be issued by the Corporation from time to time;

(d) carry out periodic auditing of food safety management systems implemented by dealers.

(3) An inspector who has reasonable grounds may enter any land, premises or stop and enter into a vessel used for holding or transporting of miraa produce and products for purposes of ascertaining that it conforms to the requirements of this Act or for the performance of the functions or powers conferred under the Act or any other written law.

Compliance to standards

31. (1) Miraa produce in the aggregation center shall be randomly sampled, tested and analysed by the Corporation in collaboration with County Government and relevant agencies from time to time to ensure conformity to Miraa(Khat) Industry – code of Practice.

(2) The Corporation from time to time shall inspect the site and produce to ensure conformity to food safety and quality standards as prescribed in the Miraa (Khat) Industry –Code of Practice;

(3) The Corporation shall satisfy itself that Miraa dealers have adequate knowledge of national, regional and international market requirements.

(4) The Corporation may revoke or suspend a license if the license holder contravenes the provision of Section 31.

Non-Compliance to standards

32. (1) Miraa produce that does not conform to the codes of practice and has been declared so by the relevant Government agency, shall be dealt with as follows—

(a) non-compliant produce due to Food safety reasons shall be seized, detained and destroyed at the cost of the offender;

(b) Miraa produce presented using forged export or import documents shall be destroyed upon interception and the company suspended from export dealership for one year.

PART V—DUTIES OF GROWERS, TRADERS AND TRANSPORTERS

Duties of an aggregator

33. An aggregator shall have the following duties-

(a) provide for the collection, sorting, processing, storage, and distribution of Miraa products and resources;

(b) promote market access and price stabilization;

(c) promote value addition and processing;

(d) improve infrastructure of the aggregation centers;

(e) provide training and capacity building of farmers;

(f) ensure the mitigation of post-harvest losses;

(g) promote diversification and facilitate sustainable income sources;

(h) maintain a valid license for the production of Miraa;

(i) pay the prescribed fees for licensing and registration;

(j) comply with the trading guidelines and standards provided for by the Authority;

(k) inform and educate the public on the health and socio-economic effects of the use of Miraa;

(l) display issued licences in a conspicuous and prominent area; and (m)eliminate illicit trade of Miraa;

(m) not employ, engage or permit any person under the age of 18 years to participate in miraa aggregation.

Duties of growers

34. A person who grows Miraa shall have the following duties—

(a) grow Miraa within the County as stipulated by the Miraa (khat) Industry- Codes of practice;

(b) promote production to supply the growing Miraa market;

(c) maintain public health and safety measures required in the management of the produce;

(d) ensure the Miraa pluckers are offered fair wages and treatment in line with standard labor practices;

(e) promote the use of Miraa as an indigenous plant used recreationally; and

(f) promote best practices in the production cycle of the plant.

Duties of traders

35. A person who trades in Miraa shall have the following duties—

(a) maintain a valid license for the sale of Miraa;

(b) pay the prescribed fees for licensing and registration;

(c) comply with the trading guidelines and standards provided for by the Authority;

(d) undertake capacity building on distribution of the produce in the market;

(e) familiarize themselves with the various legal regimes governing the global Miraa market;

(f) promote production to supply the growing Miraa market;

(g) maintain the ware houses and crops as stipulated by the Miraa (khat) Industry- Codes of practice

(h) maintain public health and safety measures required in the management of the produce;

(i) promote the use of Miraa as an indigenous plant used recreationally;

(j) display issued licences in a conspicuous and prominent area; and

(k) eliminate unlawful trade of Miraa.

(l) Not employ, engage or permit any person under the age of 18 years to participate in miraa aggregation.

Duties of exporters

36. a person who trades and exports Miraa shall have the following duties—

(a) maintain a valid license for the sale of Miraa;

(b) maintain a register of exporters and export destinations;

(c) pay the prescribed fees for licensing and registration;

(d) comply with the trading guidelines and standards provided for by the Authority;

(e) undertake capacity building on distribution of the produce in the market;

(f) familiarize themselves with the various legal regimes governing the global Miraa market;

(g) promote production to supply the growing Miraa market;

(h) maintain the ware houses and crops as stipulated by the Miraa (khat) Industry- Codes of practice

(i) maintain public health and safety measures required in the management of the produce;

(j) promote the use of Miraa as an indigenous plant used recreationally;

(k) display issued licences in a conspicuous and prominent area; and

(l) eliminate unlawful trade of Miraa.

Duties of transporters

37. A person who transports Miraa shall have the following duties—

(a) maintain a valid license and insurance for the motor vehicle from the relevant Authority;

(b) drivers to maintain valid driving licences for the transportation of Miraa;

(c) pay the prescribed fees for licensing and registration;

(d) display issued licences in a conspicuous and prominent area;

(e) transport goods to exporters; and

(f) comply with the trading guidelines and standards provided for in the Miraa industry.

PART VI—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Establishment of the Fund

38. There is established a County fund to be known as the Meru County Miraa Promotion Fund.

Purpose of the Fund

39. The Fund shall be used for—

(a) the establishment of aggregation centers in the County;

(b) the maintenance of roads in the miraa areas to enable farmers produce to reach the aggregation centres at the least cost and enable farmers to improve production and distribution;

(c) promotion and protection of Miraa trade;

(d) promote consumption of Miraa and trade;

(e) facilitating and carrying out research and studies regarding the regulation of Miraa trade in the County; and facilitating the participation of the residents of the County in the regulation of Miraa sector.

Sources of funds

40. The funds of the Forum shall comprise—

(a) such moneys as may be appropriated by the County Assembly;

(b) such sums as may be realized from fees paid or collected by the County Government under this Act;

(c) monies earned or arising from any investment of the Fund;

(d) gifts, grants and bequests from sources authorized by the County Executive Committee Member responsible for matters relating to Finance; and

(e) all other sums which may in any manner become payable to, or vested in, the Fund.

(2) The Forum in consultation with the County Executive Committee Member responsible for matters relating to Finance shall apply the money provided under this section for the furtherance of the objects and performance of the functions of the Forum and as prescribed under this Act.

(3) The funds shall be administered by the Chief Officer matters relating to Agriculture, who will act on behalf of the Forum and be accountable for its financial management in accordance with the relevant public finance laws.

Financial year

41. The financial year of the Forum shall be the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of June in each year.

Financial report and audit

No. 18 of 2012

No. 12 of 2003

42. (1) The Forum shall cause to be kept all proper books and other records of accounts of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Forum.

(2) The accounts of the Forum shall be audited and reported upon in accordance with the provisions of the Public Financial Management Act and Public Audit Act, 2003.

Annual reports

43. (1) At the end of each financial year or upon request by the Executive Member, the Forum shall submit an annual report on the discharge of its functions under this Act or any other written law.

(2) The report referred to under subsection (1) shall include—

(a) number of registered and licenced growers, traders, exporters and transporters in the period under review;

(b) number of persons trained in the period under review;

(c) any impediment encountered in the discharge of the functions of the Forum;

(d) any policy matters that the Forum may require to be addressed by the Executive member or County Government;

(e) any other matter pertinent to the discharge of its functions under this Act.

(3) An annual report referred to under this section shall be published and publicized.

PART VII— ENFORCEMENT

Appointment of authorised officers

44. (1) Crop inspectors and enforcement officers appointed by the County Government shall be authorised officers for purposes of this Act.

(2) The Executive Member shall issue a certificate of appointment to every person appointed as an authorized officer under sub-section (1).

(3) In addition to the authorised officers appointed under this section, the following officers shall be deemed to be authorised officers for the purposes of this Act—

(a) public health officers appointed under the Public Health Act;

(b) enforcement officers appointed under the National Police Service Act, 2011, Standards Act, and Weights and Measures Act;

(c) any other person upon whom any written law vests functions of maintenance of law and order.

Places authorised officers may enter

45. (1) For the purposes of ensuring compliance with this Act, an Authorised officer may, at any reasonable time, enter any place in which the officer believes on reasonable grounds that any person or persons is any way contravening the provisions of this Act.

(2) An authorised officer entering any premises under this section shall, if so required, produce for inspection by the person who is or appears to be in charge of the premises the certificate issued to him under section 43 (2) or under any other Law.

Powers of authorised officers

46. (1) In carrying out an inspection in any place pursuant to section 44, an authorised officer may—

(a) examine a farm, crop or produce during production, harvesting or during transportation;

(b) require any person in such place to produce for inspection, in the manner and form requested by the officer the crop or thing;

(c) conduct any test or analysis or take any measurements, on the crop or thing; and

(d) require any person found to produce for inspection or copying, any written or electronic licence or information that is relevant to the administration or enforcement of this Act.

Enter into licenced places

47. An authorized officer may not enter a licenced place except with the consent of the occupant or under the authority of a warrant issued under Section 47.

Court to issue warrant

48. Upon an *ex parte* application, a magistrate or judge of the High Court, may issue a warrant authorising the authorised officer named in the warrant to enter and inspect a dwelling place, subject to any conditions specified in the warrant, if the magistrate or judge is satisfied by information on oath that—

(a) the licenced place is a place referred to m section 46;

(b) entry to the licenced place is necessary for the administration or enforcement of this Act; and

(c) the occupant does not consent to the entry, or that entry has been refused or there are reasonable grounds for believing that it will be refused.

(2) The time of such entry shall be between six o'clock in the forenoon and six o'clock in the afternoon of any day of the week.

Use of force

49. An authorised officer executing the warrant issued under section 47 shall not use force unless such officer is accompanied by a police officer and the use of force is specifically authorised in the warrant.

Obstruction of authorised officers

50. No person shall obstruct or hinder, or knowingly make a false or misleading statement to an authorised officer who is carrying out duties under this Act.

PART VIII— GENERAL PROVISIONS

Units of Measurement

51. Miraa produce offered for sale shall be measured in kilograms.

Imposition of fees by County Government

52. The County Government shall not impose any fees on miraa contrary to this Act or pricing guidelines issued by the Authority or Ministry of Agriculture from time to time.

Fees

53. (1) The fees payable for licenses, renewal of licenses and permits under this Act shall be as set out in the Third Schedule and may be reviewed from time to time

(2) Any charges on traded produce on transit shall be charged once at the point of exit in the County of origin.

(3) No other such charge shall be instituted on the same consignment as it traverses across Counties.

Offences

54. A person who contravenes any provision of this Act to which no penalty has been prescribed commits an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings in the case of a natural person, and one Million shillings in the case of a firm or body corporate, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Regulations

55. (1) The executive member may, make Regulations generally for the better carrying out of the objects of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub section (1) the Regulations may —

(a) prescribe anything required by this act to be prescribed or prohibit anything required by this act to be prohibited;

(b) prescribe the forms of applications, notices, licences and other documents for use under this Act;

(c) prescribing the manner and conduct of promoting public awareness about growth, trade and transportation of Miraa;

(d) prescribing the manner of registration, licensing and inspection of Miraa;

(e) prescribe and regulate the conduct of officers and members of the Crop inspectorate;

(f) prescribe the fees payable under this Act;

(g) prescribe the conduct and affairs of the Forum; and

(h) facilitate implementation of this Act.

FIRST SCHEDULE

FORMS

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 01 (s. 7(2)

Serial No. County code/Miraa/

Application for a Miraa Commercial Nursery Operator Licence

1. Personal Information

Name of Applicant: .....

Address:

Postal.....

Email.....

Telephone: .....

Attach:

(a) A copy of certificate of incorporation and memorandum and articles of association or constitution or registration;

(b) A copy of CR12

(c) Copies of IDs/Passports for directors

(d) KRA pin certificate

(e) Valid single business permit

(f) Copy of title deed / lease hold/ contract

(g) Evidence of payment

2. Nursery Location

i) County .....

ii) Sub-County .....

iii) Ward .....

L.R No or Plot No.....

I/We hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my or our knowledge and belief.

Signature: .....Date: .....

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Checked by:

Sub- County Agricultural Officer (SCAO)

Name.....

Signature.....Date.....

Comments (*Recommended or Not Recommended*)

Approved by:

County Director Agriculture: Name .....

Signature.....Date .....

Official Stamp.....

Minimum requirements for establishment and operating miraa nursery

(1) High standards of field hygiene shall be maintained

(2) The seedlings shall be protected from diseases and pests

(3) The area shall be free from organic and inorganic litter

(4) There shall be clear separation of operation (soil treatment, soil mixing and potting, seedling area, hardening area and dispatch)

(5) Reliable source of clean water

(6) The Nursery layout shall be secured from animals and other pests

(7) The layout shall be East to West orientation, gentle slope and allows for good drainage

(8) Nursery seedlings shall be labeled with the seedling type and date of planting.

(9) Seedlings ready for dispatch shall be tagged or labelled appropriately indicating the seedling variety

(10) Distribution records of the nursery showing buyer's name, County, Sub County, ward, postal address and varieties purchased shall be maintained.

(11) Nursery license shall be displayed.

(12) The nursery shall be located 50 meters away from the main crop to prevent cross over of pests and diseases.

(13) Personnel working in the nursery shall have basic training in nursery management

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 02 (s. 7(3))

Commercial Miraa Nursery Licence

Serial No. County code/Miraa/.....

This is certify that .....of postal address.....having a commercial nursery at..... County. LR No .....has been duly licensed by the Directorate of Agriculture in accordance with section 7 of the Meru County Miraa Promotion Act, 2025. This licence is valid from.....to.....

Terms and Conditions

1. A Commercial Nursery Operator shall:
   (a) Propagate planting material from accredited source
   (b) Demonstrate the source of planting material
   (c) Comply with the Miraa (Khat) code of practice
   (d) Issue a receipt for all sales of vegetative planting materials and indicate on the receipt the name of the registered grower
   (e) File annual returns to the County Government

ISSUED on this ..... Day of .....20.....

CECM Agriculture: Name .....

Signature.....

Official Stamp.....

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 03 (s. 7(5)

Commercial Nursery Annual Returns

Serial No. County Code/Miraa/.....

Name of the commercial Nursery.....

Postal Address.....

County..... Sub-County.....Ward.....

Telephone...../.....

E-mail.....

Crop Year.....Period.....

Variety/Clone..... Balance brought forward.....Quantity of planting material Available (No).....

Quantity sold during the period (No).....

Prepared By: ..... Signature: .....

Designation: ..... Date: .....

Name	*ID*	*Tel.No.*	*Age*	*Sex*	*LR.No*	*Ownership*	*Geolocation(X Y)*	*Farm Size(Ha)*	*Farmed area(Ha)*	*Farming system (Rainfed/Irrigated*	*Crop*	*Variety*	*Certification*

Official Stamp

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 04 (s. 8(2))

Application for Registration of Miraa Growers' Association

A – Particulars of Applicant

1. Name of applicant .....
2. Registration No.....
3. Address.....
4. Telephone No.....
5. County ..... Sub-County .....

Ward .....

B. Particulars of Members in the Association (*Attach list*)

This shall include:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

Date.....Signature.....

Applicant or it's duly authorized agent

FOR OFFICIAL USE:

Approved/Rejected.....

Comments.....

Name of signatory .....Date.....

Designation .....Signature.....

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 05 S. 8(3))

Growers' Association Registration Certificate

Serial No. MCIDC/Miraa/

Grower Association Registration No .....

This Certificate of registration is granted to ..... of P.O. Box.....in .....building/street ..... Ward .....Sub-County.....County in the Republic of Kenya.

This Certificate is issued subject to compliance with section 8 of this Act.

ISSUED this ..... Day of .....20.....

Signed.....

Managing Director

MERU COUNTY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 06 (S. 9(3))

Application for Registration of Miraa Aggregator

Serial No: MCIDC/MIRAA/.....

... . hereby applies for registration.

Ward.....Sub-County ..... County.....

Physical location of the business premise.....Postal Address..... Telephone .....

E-mail.....

Where the applicant is a registered business entity, they should supply the Authority with:-

(a) A copy of certificate of incorporation and memorandum and articles of association or constitution or registration;

(b) a copy of CR12

(c) copies of IDs/Passports for directors

(d) KRA pin certificate

(e) Valid single business permit

FOR OFFICIAL USE:

Managing Director:

Name .....Signature.....

Date.....

Comments (Recommended or Not recommended)

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County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 07 (S. 9(4))

Certificate of Registration of Miraa Aggregator

Certificate No .....

This Certificate of registration is granted to ..... of P.O. Box..... .....in .....building/street ..... Ward .....Sub-County.....County in the Republic of Kenya.

This Certificate is issued subject to compliance with section 9 this Act.

ISSUED this ..... Day of .....20.....

Signed.....

Managing Director
MERU COUNTY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 08 (s. 9(5))

Application for Miraa Aggregators Licence

1. Personal Information

Name of Applicant (*New/Renewal*):.....

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Address:

Postal .....

Email.....

Telephone: .....

Attach:

(i) A copy of registration certificate from the Authority

(ii) A copy of certificate of incorporation and memorandum and articles of association or constitution or registration;

(iii) A copy of CR12

(iv) copies of IDs/Passports for directors

(v) KRA pin certificate

(vi) Valid single business permit

(vii) A copy of health certificate

(viii) Evidence of payment

2. Physical location of the business premise:

(i) County.....

(ii) Sub-County .....

(iii) Ward .....

I/We hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my or our knowledge and belief.

Signature: .....Date: .....

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Checked by:

Sub-County Agricultural Officer (SCAO)
Name.....Signature.....

Date.....

Comments (Recommended or Not recommended)

Approved by:

County Director Agriculture: Name .....

Signature.....Date .....

Official Stamp.....

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 09 (S. 9(6))

Miraa Aggregator Licence

License No. .....

This is certify that..... of postal addresshas been duly licensed as a Miraa Aggregator by the Directorate in accordance with section 9 of the Meru County Miraa Promotion Act, 2025.

This License is valid for.....to.....

Terms and Conditions:

An aggregator shall –

(a) File annual returns to the County Government

(b) Comply with the Public Health Act;

(c) Comply with the Miraa (Khat) code of practice

(d) Submit annual returns to the respective County Government

Source				**Destination**	
Location (County/Sub-County)	Agent/Farmers	Quantity(kg)	Estimated Value	Agent (exporter, vendor)	Location

ISSUED this ..... Day of .....20.....

CECM Agriculture: Name .....

Signature.....Date .....

Official Stamp.....

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 10 (S. 9(8))

Miraa Aggregator's Annual Returns

Serial No. .....

County code .....

Miraa/ Licence Number.....

Name.....

Postal Address.....

Physical Location.....

Telephone.....

E-mail.....

Financial Year .....

Prepared By: ..... Signature: .....

Designation .....Date: .....

Official Stamp:

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 11 (S. 10(3))

Application for Registration of a Miraa Commercial Transporter

Applicant's Name.....hereby applies for registration as a miraa commercial transporter of

Address:

Postal.....

Email.....

Telephone: .....

Physical location:-

(i) County.....

(ii) Sub-County .....

(iii) Ward .....

Attach:

(i) A copy of certificate of incorporation and memorandum and articles of association or constitution or registration;

(ii) A copy of CR12

(iii) copies of IDs/Passports for directors

(iv) KRA pin certificate

(v) Valid single business permit

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Managing Director:

Name .....

Signature.....Date.....

Comments (Approved/Rejected)

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ISSUED this ..... Day of .....20.....

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 12 (S. 10(4))

Certificate of Registration for a Commercial Transporter

Certificate No .....

This Certificate of registration is granted to

.....

of P.O. Box ....in .....building/street ..... Ward .....Sub-County.....County..... in the Republic of Kenya.

This Certificate is issued subject to compliance with section 10 the Meru County Miraa Promotion Act, 2025.

ISSUED this ..... Day of .....20.....

Signed.....

Managing Director

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 13 (S. 10(5))

Application for a Miraa Commercial Transporter Licence

Serial No. County code/Miraa/

1. **Personal Information**

Name of Applicant .....

Postal address.....

Email.....

Telephone.....

Registration Certificate Number .....

2. Vehicle registration number .....
3. Vehicle chassis number .....
4. Vehicle Model/Type .....

Attach:

(i) A copy of registration certificate from the Authority

(ii) KRA pin certificate

(iii) A copy of logbook

(iv) A copy of certificate of incorporation and memorandum and articles of association or constitution or registration;

(v) A copy of CR12

(vi) copies of IDs/Passports for directors

(vii) Valid single business permit

I/We hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my or our knowledge and belief.

Signature: .....Date: .....

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Checked by:

Sub County Agricultural Officer (SCAO):

Name .....

Signature.....Date.....

Comments (Recommended or Not recommended)

Approved by:

County Director Agriculture: Name .....

Signature

.....

Date.....

Official Stamp.....

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 14 (S. 10(7))

Miraa Commercial Transporters Licence

License No:.....

This license is granted to ..... and authorizes vehicle

Reg. No ..... to transport miraa in the Republic of Kenya.

This licence is valid from.....to.....

This Certificate is issued subject to compliance with section 10 of the Meru County Miraa Promotion Act, 2025.

ISSUED this ..... Day of .....20..... Terms and Conditions:

A commercial transporter shall -

(a) Comply with the Miraa (Khat) Industry - code of practice;

(b) Comply with the Public Health Act;

(c) Comply with the Traffic Act;

(d) Obtain and keep a receipt showing the source of produce, quantity and destination;

(e) Submit annual returns to the respective County Government. Signed.....

CECM Agriculture: Name .....

Signature.....Date .....

Official Stamp.....

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 15 (S. 11(2))

Application for a Miraa Vending Licence

Serial No. County Code/Miraa/

1. Personal Information

Name of Applicant .....

Postal address.....

Email.....

Telephone: .....

Certificate Number .....

Attach:

(i) A copy of single business permit from the County Government

(ii) A copy of health certificate

2. Physical location of the business premise:

(i) County.....

(ii) Sub-County .....

(iii) Ward .....

(iv) Street/Avenue .....

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: .....Date: .....

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Checked by:

Sub-County Agriculture Officer (SCAO) Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....

Comments (Recommended or Not recommended)

Approved by:

County Director Agriculture: Name .....

Signature.....

Date .....

Official Stamp.....

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 16 (S. 11(4))

Vendors Licence

Licence No.....

This is certify that..... of postal address

.....

has been duly licensed as a Miraa Aggregator by the Directorate in accordance with section 11 of the Meru County Miraa Promotion Act, 2025.

This License is valid for.....to.....

Terms and Conditions:

A vendor shall -

a) Comply with the Public Health Act;

b) Sell at a designated point.

c) Comply with the Miraa (Khat) Industry-code of practice

ISSUED this ..... Day of ..... 20.....

Signed.....

CECM Agriculture: Name .....

Signature.....Date .....

Official Stamp.....

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 17 (S. 14(2))

Application for Registration of Miraa Exporter/ Importer

Serial No: MCIDC/MIRAA/ .....

... . hereby applies for registration.

Ward.....Sub-County..... County.....

Physical location of the business premise.....

Postal Address..... Telephone .....

E-mail.....

Attach;

(i) A copy of certificate of incorporation and memorandum and articles of association or constitution or registration;

(ii) a copy of CR12

(iii) copies of IDs/Passports for directors

(iv) KRA Pin Certificate

FOR OFFICIAL USE:

Checked by:

County Director Agriculture:

Name .....

Signature.....Date.....

Comments (Recommended or Not recommended)

.....

.....

Approved by:

Managing Director: Name .....

Signature.....Date .....

Official Stamp

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM18 (S. 14(3))

Certificate of Registration for Miraa Exporter/ Importer

Certificate No .....

This Certificate of registration is granted to ..... of P.O. Box..... .....in .....building/street ..... Ward .....Sub-County .....County .....in the Republic of Kenya.

This Certificate is issued subject to compliance with section 14 of the Meru County Miraa Promotion Act, 2025.

ISSUED this ..... Day of .....20.....

Signed.....

Managing Director

MERU COUNTY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 19 (S. 15(1))

Application for Miraa Export Licence

Serial No: MCIDC/Miraa.....

Personal Information

Name of Applicant .....
Postal address..... Email.....
Telephone:
.....

Miraa Exporter Registration Certificate Number .....

Attach:-

(i) A copy of certificate of incorporation or registration or of Memorandum and articles of association or constitution;

(ii) CR12

(iii) Copies of IDs/Passport of directors

(iv) A copy of registration certificate from the Authority

(v) A copy of single business permit from the County Government

(vi) A copy of tax compliance certificate

(vii) A copy of lease agreement or title deed or license for the pack house

FOR OFFICIAL USE:

Checked by:

Managing Director

MERU COUNTY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Name .....

Signature.....Date.....

Comments (Recommended or Not recommended)

.....

Approved by:

Chair of the Forum: Name .....

Signature.....Date .....

Official Stamp

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 20 (S. 15(2))

Miraa Export Licence

License No. .....

This is to certify that..... of postal address.....has been duly licensed as a Miraa Exporter by the Head of the Directorate in accordance with section 15 of the Meru County Miraa Promotion Act, 2025.

This licence is valid from.....to.....

Terms and Conditions:

An exporter shall -

(a) Maintain a record of all exports i.e. volumes, destination.

(b) Submit quarterly returns to the Forum and Authority.

ISSUED this ..... Day of .....20.....

Signed.....

Managing Director

MERU COUNTY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 21 (S.16(1))

Application for Miraa Import Licence

Serial No: MCIDC/Miraa/.....

Personal Information

Name of Applicant .....

Postal address.....

Email.....

Telephone: .....

Miraa Import Registration Certificate Number .....

Attach:

(i) A copy of certificate of incorporation or registration or of Memorandum and articles of association or constitution;

(ii) CR12

(iii) Copies of IDs/Passport of directors

(iv) A copy of registration certificate from the Authority

(v) A copy of single business permit from the County Government

(vi) A copy of tax compliance certificate

FOR OFFICIAL USE:

Checked by:

Managing Director: Name .....

Signature.....

Date.....

Comments (Recommended or Not recommended)

.....

Approved by:

Chair of Forum: Name .....

Signature.....

Date .....

Official Stamp

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 22 (S. 16(2))

MIRAA IMPORT LICENSE

Serial No: MCIDC/Miraa/.....

License No. .....

This is to certify that..... of postal address..... has been duly licensed as a Miraa Exporter by the Directorate in accordance with section 16 of the Meru County Miraa Promotion Act, 2025.

This licence is valid
from.....to.....

Terms and Conditions:

An exporter shall -

(a) Maintain a record of all imports i.e., volumes, source.

(b) Submit quarterly returns to the Authority.

ISSUED this ..... Day of .....20.....

Signed.....

Managing Director

MERU COUNTY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 23 (s. 18(2))

APPLICATION FOR MIRAA EXPORT PERMIT

License No.: .....

Applicants Details

Name of exporter ....

Address .....

Telephone No .....

Email Address .....

Destination

Country of Origin.....

Country of Destination ..... Shipment Date .....
Vessel .....

Consignor.....
..... Consignee .....

Notify address.....

Consignment Details

Product	Quantity (Kg)	FOB Value (USD)	Total Value (USD)

Attach:

(i) Commercial invoice

(ii) Import permit

I/ We hereby certify that the information which I/we have given above is true and accurate to the best of my/our/our knowledge and belief.

Date.....

.....

Authorized signature Stamp of Exporter

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Authentication by

The Managing Director Meru County Investment and Development Corporation (Or authorized Officer)

Date..... Signature and Stamp.....

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 24 (S.18(3))

MIRAA EXPORT PERMIT

License No .....

This Permit is granted to.....of

P.O. Box .....and authorizes the company on this day of.....to..... export;

Consignment Details

Product	Quantity (Kg)	FOB Value (USD)	Total Value (USD)

Country of Destination .....

Country of Origin .....

Date of Shipment .....

Vessel Consignee.....

Consigner.....

Notify Address.....

This permit is issued subject to compliance with the Crops Act, (2013) and conditions stipulated herein.

This Permit is valid for 90 days from the date of issuance.

Signed.....

Managing Director

MERU COUNTY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 25 (S. 19(2))

APPLICATION FOR MIRAA PRE-IMPORT PERMIT

License No.: .....

Applicants Details

Name of importer ....

Address .....

Telephone No .....

Email Address .....

Destination

Country of Origin.....

Country of Destination .....

Shipment Date .....

Vessel .....

Consignor.....

Consignee .....

Notify address.....

I/ We hereby certify that the information which I/we have given above is true and accurate to the best of my/our/our knowledge and belief.

Date.....

Authorized signature Stamp of Importer

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Authentication by

The Managing Director Meru County Investment and Development Corporation (Or authorized Officer)

Date.....

Signature and Stamp

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 26 (S.19(3))

MIRAA PRE-IMPORT PERMIT

License No .....

This Permit is granted to.....of P.O. Box .....and authorizes the company on this day of.....to import not more than 5kg of sample:

This licence is valid from.....to.....

Consignment Details

Country of Origin .....

Date of Shipment .....

Vessel ..... Consignee.....

Consigner.....

Notify Address.....

This permit is issued subject to compliance with the Crops Act, (2013) and conditions stipulated herein.

Signed.....

Managing Director - Meru County Investment and Development Corporation

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 27 (S. 19(4))

APPLICATION FOR MIRAA IMPORT PERMIT

License No.: .....

Applicants Details

Name of importer ....

Address .....

Telephone No .....

Email Address .....

Destination

Country of Origin.....

Country of Destination .....

Shipment Date .....

Vessel .....

Consignor.....

Consignee .....

Notify address.....

Attach

(a) Pre-import permit

(b) Certificate of origin;

I/ We hereby certify that the information which I/we have given above is true and accurate to the best of my/our/our knowledge and belief.

Date.....

Authorized signature Stamp of Importer

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Authentication by

The Managing Director - Meru County Investment and Development Corporation (Or authorized Officer)

Date.....

Signature and Stamp

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 28 (S. 19(5))

MIRAA IMPORT PERMIT

License No .....

This Permit is granted toof P.O. Box .....and authorizes the company on this day of.....to import;

Consignment Details

Product	Quantity (Kg)	FOB Value (USD)	Total Value (USD)

Country of Origin.....

Date of Shipment .....

Vessel .....

Consignee.....

Consigner.....

Month	**Quantity (kg)**	**Value (KSh)**	**Destination**
Total			

This permit is issued subject to compliance with the Crops Act, (2013) and conditions stipulated herein. This Permit is valid for 90 days from the date of issuance.

Signed.....

Managing Director – Meru County Investment and Development Corporation

County Government of Meru

FORM CGM 29 (S.21)

Licence Number.....

EXPORTER/IMPORTER QUARTERLY RETURNS

Name of exporter/importer: .....

Postal Address.....

Physical Location. .....

Telephone.....

E-mail.....

Year ..... Quarter .....

Reporting Date .....

Export returns .....

Import returns .....

Month.....

Quantity .....

(kg).....

Value (KSh) .....

Origin .....

Total .....

Name: ..... Designation: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Official Stamp:

Note: Failure to submit returns is an offence.

SECOND SCHEDULE

REQUIREMENTS FOR A DESIGNATED AREA FOR SALE OF MIRAA

(1) The area shall be well marked.

(2) Shall be kept free from waste material.

(3) Shall not sell miraa to persons under the age of 18 years.

THIRD SCHEDULE
LICENSING FEES

No.	Category	New Applications (Kshs).		Renewal Fees (Kshs).	
1.	Commercial transporter	Weight category (kilograms)	Amount (Kshs.)	Weight category (kilograms)	Amount (Kshs.)
		1kg- 1,500kg	5,000	1kg- 1,500kg	5,000
		1,501kg- 2500kg	7,500	1,501kg- 2500kg	7,500
		Above- 2,501kg	10,000	Above- 2,501kg	10,000
2.	Miraa Processor's License	10,000		5,000	
3.	Exporter license	20,000		10,000	
4.	Importers license	50,000		30,000	
5.	Export permit	4,000			
6.	Import permit	6,000			
7.	Export levy	Ksh. 3 per Kilogramme			
8.	Import Levy	Ksh. 6 per Kilogramme			

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The County Government of Meru seeks to promote, protect, regulate and licence the supply, trade, distribution and transportation of Miraa industry within the purview of its powers and functions.

The principal objective of this Bill is to give effect of Schedule of IV of the Constitution which fully devolved the agriculture function and to promote and regulate the growth, trading and transportation of Miraa in the County.

The Bill thus seeks to establish a legal framework to facilitate this process which will promote the Miraa industry in the County and its trade in the country by creating opportunities for commerce. It provides for the establishment of a Forum whose core mandate is to implement the Miraa promotion action plans to be implemented by the County, maintain a record of the licenced growers, traders, exporters and transporters and facilitate their training and capacity building.

The structure of the Bill is as follows:

Part I of the Bill provides for preliminary provisions including citation and interpretation of terms used in the Bill. The Part outlines the object and purpose of the Bill.

Part II provides for the establishment, composition functions and powers of the Meru County Miraa Promotion Forum. It vests the management on a Forum constituted in accordance with this Part. The Part further provides for registration of Miraa Co-operative Societies in the miraa growing areas of the County.

Part III provides for matters relating to registration and licencing of Miraa nursery operators, growers association, aggregators, commercial transporters, vendor licences, exporters, importers, revocation or suspension of licences and issuance of permits by the County Government and the national Agriculture and Food Authority.

Part IV provides for matters relating to production and quality assessment of Miraa plant from production, harvesting, post harvesting, training, inspection, compliance standards and best industry standards governing the Miraa industry and implementation mechanisms.

Part V provides for the duties of growers, traders, exporters and transporters to ensure they comply with best practices governing the planting, production and management of Miraa.

Part VI contains financial provisions.

Part VII contains enforcement provisions.

Part VIII contains miscellaneous provisions such as the power of the executive member to make Regulations under the Act.

Statement on Delegated Powers to Legislate

The County Executive Committee Member responsible for Finance is empowered to make necessary regulations for the better functioning of various provisions of the Act.

Statement that the Bill is a money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution and Section 21 of the County Governments Act, 2012

This Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and Section 21 (4) of the County Governments Act, 2012.

Dated the 15th August, 2025.

PATRICK KATHURIMA NTURURU,
Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.