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ZIMBABWE ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

2027 LPG PROCUREMENT (IMPORT) AND LPG WHOLESALE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE PETROLEUM ACT [CHAPTER 13:22]

1. Introduction

The Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA) advises that, with effect from **1 January 2027**, the importation and wholesaling of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) will be licensed separately.

a. The LPG Procurement (Import) Licence covers importation of LPG into Zimbabwe.
b. The LPG Wholesale Licence covers the purchase of LPG in bulk for wholesale distribution.

Companies intending to operate as procurement (importation) licensees must fill in the form titled **APPLICATION FORM FOR LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) PROCUREMENT (IMPORT) LICENCE.** The form is also relevant to operators whose existing LPG Wholesale Licences expire on 31 December 2026.

2. License fees and tenure of license

a. The LPG Procurement and LPG Wholesale licences are valid for two calendar years.
b. The fees prescribed under S.I. 124 of 2026 are US$8,000 for LPG Procurement (Importation) and US$2,000 for LPG Wholesale, excluding VAT.

Submission of an application or payment of fees does not authorise operations.

3. License eligibility

a) LPG Procurement (Importation)

Applicants must have at least 40 tonnes of fixed LPG bulk storage capacity at their principal depot and own at least 400 branded 48 kg LPG cylinders. The storage capacity can be owned or rented under hospitality agreements. If rented, the relevant agreement must be attached.

b) LPG Wholesale

a. Operators must apply for each site that operates as a wholesale facility, and the threshold capacity must be 5 to 39 tonnes. Sites with capacity 5-39 tonnes currently operating under an LPG Retail Licence must regularise by applying for a wholesale license.
b. LPG retail sales can be done at the same site provided that the operator has an LPG retail facility separate from the wholesale and that the retail operation has its own license.
c. The list of required supporting documents is on the respective application form checklists.

4. Transitional arrangement for existing licences

Holders of valid LPG Wholesale Licences expiring on 31 December 2027 may continue to import and wholesale LPG under those licences at the principal fixed LPG bulk storage facility or facilities on which ZERA based the grant of the existing licence.

Companies whose Wholesale license expires on 31 December 2026, and new operators must meet the new requirements and obtain the applicable licence before importing or wholesaling LPG from 1 January 2027.

4. Application process

a. Email applications to be submitted to licensing@zera.co.zw **ONLY**.
b. Submissions to be in PDF attachments only and each email must not exceed **10 MB**. However, documents may be split across several emails. Links to Google Drive or other file-sharing services will not be accepted.
c. Supporting documents specified in the applicable checklist must be certified where the checklist requires certification.
d. The new application forms and checklists can be requested from licensing@zera.co.zw

A pending application does not extend an expired licence or authorise operations.

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