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The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions, United Nations Agencies and International Organizations accredited to the Republic of Kenya and has the honour to refer to **Note No. 2301/2026 dated 12th October, 2026** informing on the roll-out of the mandatory inbound travel health insurance for non-Kenyans.

The Ministry further wishes to inform that, for purpose of Inbound Travel Health Insurance as prescribed in Gazette notice number 11492 of 30th July, 2026 foreign travel health insurance covers are not acceptable for use as proof of cover while applying for the Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA). All non-exempt travelers will be required to obtain the mandatory travel health insurance cover from local insurers as approved and licensed by Insurance Regulatory Authority, this has been availed on the ETA for smooth application experience by the travelers.

Holders of **Diplomatic, Official and Service Passports** remain exempt from Mandatory Travel Insurance while applying for ETA.

The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions, United Nations Agencies and International Organizations the assurances of its highest consideration.

NAIROBI, 30th October, 2026

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