

# Shippers root for single marine ERNEST CORNEL/ More cruise ships insurance portal

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The Shippers Council of Eastern Africa, SCEA Chief executive Gilbert Langat./FILE

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Shippers Council of Eastern Africa is in talks with state-owned Kenya Trade Network Agency in a bid to come up with a single portal for all insurance companies in marine cargo business.

This will increase access to information, chief executive Gilbert Langat said, adding that the shippers expected Kentrade to roll out a single portal by the end of this quarter.

“What insurance companies are doing now is preparing themselves because we said we want automation. But what we actually want is a controlled automation where there is a single portal that everybody is able to access so that nobody is disadvantaged,” Langat said.

He said the single portal will simplify and streamline business processes for all marine cargo insurance stakeholders who include agents, brokers, the Kenya Revenue Authority and insurance companies among others.

He spoke after AAR Insurance launched its online portal for marine cargo insurance, joining a growing list of insurers which have set sights on the opportunity. This follows the government directive effected January 1 requiring imports to be locally insured. Kentrade's Single Window system is a key flagship project of the Vision 2030 blue print.