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Welcome to this month's issue.

If you have any feedback or comment to make on the content of this newsletter, or if you have something to share that would appeal to our readers, we would love to hear from you.

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## Tanzania –

### Tanzania opens container depots to relieve pressure on port



The Tanzanian Ports Authority (TPA) has established six inland container depots (ICDs) as part of its emergency plan to relieve pressure on the port of Dar es Salaam.

Along with the setting up of the ICDs eight private companies have been authorised to transport containers between the port's container terminal and the depots. No charges for the transfer will accrue to container owners.

To read the whole article click <http://allafrica.com/stories/200803140343.html>

## Ghana –

### Integration of IDF Forms into GCNet / GCMS



CEPS has announced that processing of Import Declaration Forms (IDF) will be integrated into the GCNet / GCMS system. A pilot project is to start at Kia, a suburb of Accra, on 03Mar08 with other areas announced in due course. For further information visit [www.ghanacustoms.gov.gh](http://www.ghanacustoms.gov.gh) or

[www.ghanatradenet.com](http://www.ghanatradenet.com)

Source : OTAL's Schedule and Weekly West African News Bulletin

## Nigeria –

### Nigerian party picks new leader



The governing People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Nigeria has elected Vincent Ogbulafor as its new leader at a convention in the capital, Abuja.

Mr Ogbulafor is the party's former general secretary and is considered a compromise candidate, able to unite different factions of the party.

His election is seen as a setback for ex-leader Olusegun Obasanjo who was backing his own candidate.

To read the whole article click <http://www.news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/7284788.stm>

## Ecuador –

### Termination of Pre-shipment Inspection Scheme



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**60-second trivia!**

Which of these word anagrams is not a tree?  
PRUIEN, HRBCI, CUSREP, NETTSCHU, ETENTL, ILOWWL  
*answer at foot of page*

## Cotecna Commercial Promotions – Commercial quotation monthly draw



Our monthly draw started in Feb07 with each winner receiving a £25 Argos gift voucher. Herewith our January and February 2008 winners:

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*60-second trivia answer: NETTLE! Remaining words are JUNIPER, BIRCH, SPRUCE, CHESTNUT and WILLOW*