

FOR THE RECORD

PDM request

"The model of ISO's reporting is different from the model of reporting by other stakeholders, other ministries and government agencies. We may be reporting as directed. For us we are supposed to be reporting to the president or as directed, whereas other people are supposed to report to all interested stakeholders. We are reporting, but because you are not privy to our information, that's why you may not know whether it is there or not there." **Ken Tumwebaze, Director Finance and Logistics, at Internal Security Organisation (ISO), tells a House committee after Uganda's primary domestic intelligence agency sought an extra Shs218 billion to enhance intelligence collection and monitor the Parish Development Model (PDM).**

\$60M

The amount of combined turnover or asset base for cross-border mergers and joint ventures that the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) now has mandatory notifications in place. For digital marketplace transactions, the reporting threshold has been set at \$250m, assessed on a global basis rather than the size of business attributable to the Comesa region. The new Comesa Competition and Consumer Protection Regulations of 2025, which came into effect on December 4, 2025, have introduced what is known as a suspensory notification regime, which mandates prior approval by the Comesa Competition and Consumer Commission (CCCC) before the conclusion of a transaction. They replaced previous regulations that had been in place since 2004, which only required companies to notify the Comesa competition watchdog of a merger decision within 30 days of the parties' decision to merge.

41%

The percentage that Saccos and non-deposit-taking microfinance institutions accounted for all credit reports requested in 2025 per new data from the Bank of Uganda Annual Supervision Report 2025. The central bank also indicates that credit-related enquiries rose by 28.4 percent, increasing from 653,400 to 838,700 in just one year, while the average number of registered borrowers across the three licensed credit reference bureau (CRB) services surged from 2.9 million to 4.1 million. The report also indicates that the number of Accredited Credit Providers that feed information into CRBs surged from just seven in June 2024 to 31 by June 2025. Newly accredited providers now include Saccos, non-deposit-taking microfinance institutions, digital lenders and money lenders, marking one of the most significant structural shifts in Uganda's credit information system in recent years.

Something in the water

"These findings challenge the assumption that bottled water is purer than tap water. Much bottled water begins as municipal tap water. What's striking is not just that these by-products are present, but how inconsistent they are between brands and even between production batches." **Bengt Rittri, founder and CEO of Bluewater, says after a major study, newly published in ScienceDirect, which analysed 10 widely sold bottled water brands using advanced testing techniques, identified dozens of chemical disinfection byproducts, some of which had never been detected in bottled water. Several of these compounds have been linked in laboratory studies to DNA damage and increased cancer risk.**