Rwanda will begin importing fuel directly from Oman under a Government-to-Government agreement starting in August 2026, the Rwandan government announced. The move is expected to lower fuel prices, strengthen energy security and improve oversight of petroleum imports.

The program will be implemented through OQ Trading, Oman’s international energy and petroleum trading company.

The new arrangement will change how Rwanda imports fuel. Before the agreement, about 30% of the country’s petroleum products were imported through trading companies based in Kenya. The remaining supplies entered Rwanda through the Port of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

Under the new system, the role of private trading companies, particularly those based in Kenya, will be significantly reduced. The government said the arrangement will improve management of petroleum imports, strengthen energy resilience and help lower fuel prices.

The fuel import agreement follows a series of broader economic cooperation deals signed by Rwanda and Oman earlier this year. The agreements cover logistics and freight transport services, civil aviation, development cooperation, and technology and innovation.

The latest initiative builds on relations between Rwanda and Oman, which established diplomatic ties in 1998. Cooperation between the two countries has since expanded across several sectors.