

Uganda President Yoweri Museveni has banned the importation of second-hand clothes and electric meters so as to promote the buying of locally made.

The President announced while speaking at the opening of 16 factories at the Sino-Uganda Mbale Industrial Park on Thursday saying that people should now resort to buying new clothes because there are textile factories in Uganda that are producing them.

“Stop buying second hand clothes, these clothes are for dead people; when they (whites) die, they organize the clothes and bring them to Africa.” he said.

He further added that he declared war on second hand clothes to promote African wear. “We are going to stop the importation of second clothes to create jobs from textile factories. Anybody who will stand in my way, I will crush him. We will not allow second hand clothes to enter into the country anymore”

He also directed that with effect from the 1st of September this year there will be no more importation of electrical cables and meters and that these should be bought from factories within Uganda.

The move comes days, after he banned the importation of unprocessed timber in Uganda.