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## RENT CONTROL (AMENDMENT) DECREE 1966



### Decree No. 48

[28th June 1966]

Commence-  
ment.

THE NATIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1. The Rent Control Decree 1966 is amended—

(a) in section 1 (1),—

(i) by *substituting* the words “at a rate equal to two shillings in the pound” for the words “by an amount equal to two shillings in every one pound or part of a pound”, and

(ii) after the word ‘rent’) at the end and after deleting the stop, by *inserting* the words “: Provided that there shall be no adjustment as between landlord and tenant in cases where, because of doubt, any incorrect reduction was made between the date aforesaid and 28th June 1966.” :

(b) by repealing sections 2 (6), 3 (5) and (6), and 4 and by renumbering sections 5 and 6 as sections 6 and 7 respectively with effect from the commencement of the Rent Control Decree 1966 :

(c) by inserting new sections 4 and 5 with effect from the date last aforesaid immediately after section 3, as follows,—

“Regula-  
tions.

4. The Executive Council may make regulations generally for the purposes of this Decree, and in particular and without prejudice to the generality thereof, regulations may provide for—

(a) the mode of appointment, remuneration and tenure of office of the chairman and other members of a tribunal,

(b) the amount of increase or reduction to be allowed by tribunals in relation to repairs to premises according as the liability to make them is established before the appropriate tribunal,

(c) the type and nature of repairs or fixtures in premises where the accommodation is, and the amount to be allowed in computing the standard rent where the tribunal is satisfied that the repairs or fixtures, as the case may be, are necessary to make the premises reasonably fit for human habitation,

(d) the fixing of the standard rent from time to time,

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- (e) the forms and records to be used or kept by a tribunal, or as record of payment under any tenancy agreement,
- (f) the fees to be paid on applications under this Decree,
- (g) the reference of orders of a tribunal to any court of competent jurisdiction, for enforcement in proper case,
- (h) the use of a magistrates' court as a tribunal,
- (i) the imposition of penalties (other than for non-compliance with any order fixing standard rent), not exceeding a fine of £10,
- (j) the provision of assessors to sit with a tribunal,
- (k) generally for matters coming before a tribunal.

*"Penalties.*

5.-(1) The failure on or after 28th June 1966 by a landlord to comply with any of the requirements of section 1 (which prescribes inter alia a reduction of agreed rent) or any order under this Decree fixing the standard rent, shall be an offence punishable on conviction by a fine of fifty pounds or by imprisonment for a term of three months.

(2) In the case of a second or any subsequent conviction for the same offence, the maximum punishment under this section shall be imposed."

Effect of  
certain  
enactments  
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2. For the avoidance of doubt it is declared that in the application of the Rent Control Decree 1966 any enactment or written law in force in a group of provinces or in Lagos, as the case may be, shall be read and construed subject to that Decree as hereby amended.

Citation  
etc.  
1966 No. 15.

3. This Decree may be cited as the Rent Control (Amendment) Decree 1966 and shall be read as one with the Rent Control Decree 1966.

DATED at Lagos this 28th day of June 1966.

MAJOR-GENERAL J. T. U. AGUIYI-IRONSI,  
*Head of the National Military Government,  
Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces,  
Republic of Nigeria*