

ARMY COLOUR (PROHIBITION OF USE) DECREE 1977



Decree No. 26

[4th April 1977]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1. As from the commencement of this Decree, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive or be in charge of any motor vehicle (not being a motor vehicle belonging to the Nigerian Army) painted in the colour specified in the Schedule to this Decree.

Prohibition
of use of
vehicles
painted in
army green.

2.—(1) Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 1 of this Decree shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of ₦200 or imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalties, etc.

(2) Any motor vehicle operated in contravention of section 1 of this Decree shall be liable to seizure as prescribed in subsection (3) below.

(3) Any police officer may seize or cause to be seized any motor vehicle operated as aforesaid and remove such vehicle to any premises under the control of the Government of the Federation or of a State or of a Local Government or any agency of any such Government ; and—

(a) any police officer or any other person acting in pursuance of this subsection shall not be liable for any damage reasonably necessary for the purpose of seizing or removing the vehicle or of gaining access to any part of it in order to facilitate such seizure or removal ;

(b) any Government or agency thereof shall not be liable for any damage attributable to sun, rain, wind or other physical conditions or for loss attributable to the foregoing or to the acts of third parties.

3. Any motor vehicle impounded pursuant to this Decree shall be released to the rightful owner thereof or to any other person who tenders to the official in charge of the premises referred to in section 2 (3) of this Decree sufficient evidence of his entitlement to the custody of the vehicle if such claimant produces a letter under the hand of a superior police officer certifying that arrangements satisfactory to that superior police officer have been made to have the vehicle re-painted forthwith in a colour other than the colour specified in the Schedule to this Decree.

Reclaiming
of impoun-
ded vehicles.

Interpreta-
tion.

4.—(1) In this Decree.

“motor vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads ;

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“the Nigerian Army” means the body of that name set up under the Nigerian Army Act 1960.

(2) In this Decree, references to a vehicle include references to any trailer or other thing attached to the vehicle but do not include references to the contents or the vehicle.

Citation and
commence-
ment.

5. This Decree may be cited as the Army Colour (*Prohibition of Use*) Decree 1977 and shall come into force on 4th April 1977.

SCHEDULE

SPECIFICATION OF COLOUR REFERRED TO IN SECTION 1

(a) *Nomenclature*

Paint Finishing Quick Drying
Enamel Vehicle High Spraying
Nigerian Army Deep Bronze Green.

(b) *Army Code*

HI/HA 8101-99-910-6730.

(c) *Manufacturer's Code and Range Groupings*

All shades of green within :—

(i) Range : BS 4800-BS 381C 1964

(ii) Group B-C

(iii) Code : 12B.29-298

(iv) Munsellref 2.5GY2/2-10GY 3/4.

MADE at Lagos this 4th day of April 1977.

LT.-GENERAL O. OBASANJO,
*Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the above Decree but is intended to explain its effect)

The Decree prohibits the use of army green (as specified in detail in the Schedule) by vehicles other than Nigerian Army vehicles. Any person contravening the Decree will be liable to a fine of ₦200 or imprisonment for six months or to both. In addition, the offending vehicle would be impounded until the owner has arranged to re-paint it in another colour.

**NIGERIAN SECURITY ORGANISATION (AMENDMENT)
DECREE 1977**



Decree No. 27

[24th March 1976]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1. The Nigerian Security Organisation Decree 1976 is hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment
of Decree
No. 16 of
1976.

(a) by the insertion of a new section 2A immediately after section 2 as follows—

“Service in the Organisation to be pensionable, etc.

2A.—(1) Officers and other persons employed in the Organisation shall in respect of their service in the Organisation be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as may be prescribed by Instrument made pursuant to section 3 of this Decree, so however that nothing in this Decree shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in that office.

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(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Pensions Act, it is hereby declared that service in the Organisation shall be approved service for the purposes of that Act.” ; and

(b) by the addition immediately after the word “subsection” in section 3 (1) (c) thereof of the expression “(including the computation of pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits to the officers and any other person employed in the Organisation)”.

2. This Decree may be cited as the Nigerian Security Organisation (Amendment) Decree 1977 and shall be deemed to have come into force on 24th March 1976.

Citation and
commence-
ment.

MADE at Lagos this 4th day of April 1976.

LT.-GENERAL O. OBASANJO,
*Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria*