

L.N. 39 of 1966

**Police Service Commission (Delegation of Powers) (Nigeria  
Special Constabulary) Notice 1966**

*Commencement : 2nd June 1966*

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 110 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic, the Police Service Commission of the Republic, with the approval of the Head of the National Military Government hereby makes the following delegation—

1. This delegation may be cited as the Police Service Commission (Delegation of Powers) (Nigeria Special Constabulary) Notice 1966. Citation.
2. Except where the context otherwise requires, expressions used in this delegation have the same meaning as in the Special Constables Decree 1966. Interpretation.
3. This delegation shall apply in respect of appointments of and disciplinary control over special constables of or below the rank of chief superintendent save that in the case of a special constable who is an officer in the public service of the Republic this delegation shall only apply in respect of his service as a special constable. Application.
- 4.—(1) The power to appoint special constables is hereby delegated to—
  - (a) the Inspector-General in respect of appointments up to and including the rank of chief superintendent ;
  - (b) a commissioner of police in respect of appointments up to and including the rank of inspector ;
  - (c) a chief superintendent of police (being a regular police officer) in respect of appointments up to and including the rank of sergeant ;
  - (d) the superior police officer in charge of a police province or police division in respect of appointments up to and including the rank of corporal.Power to appoint.
  - (2) The power to make an appointment to any rank includes the power to promote to that rank, to suspend that appointment and to determine it and further includes the power to give consent in respect of that appointment, to a resignation notice given under section 3 (1) of the Special Constables Decree.
  - (3) Any power conferred on a police officer of a particular rank may be exercised by a police officer of a higher rank.
  - (4) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, there are hereby delegated to superior police officers in charge of police areas and to chief superintendents of police all such powers of appointing and determining the appointments of emergency special constables as are, subject to section 5 (3) of the Special Constables Decree 1966, conferred on them by section 4 of that Decree.
5. Power to exercise disciplinary control over special constables is delegated in accordance with the Schedule of this delegation. Disciplinary Power.
6. The Inspector-General in the case of any special constable, and a commissioner of police in the case of a special constable of the rank of inspector or below, may impose a surcharge on a special constable where an act of the special constable results in the loss of government funds or loss of or damage to government property and the amount of the loss or damage does not in any one case exceed ten pounds. Power to Surcharge.

Submission  
of Report.

7. Any amount of surcharge recovered in pursuance of paragraph 6 above shall forthwith be paid into the revenue of the Republic and except where the surcharge is imposed in respect of loss of or damage to personal kit, a written report shall, following the surcharge, be furnished by or through the Inspector-General to the Director of Audit of the Republic and the Accountant-General of the Republic indicating the name of the special constable surcharged and the circumstances and the amount of the loss or damage.

Report to be  
submitted.

8. Where a loss or damage in respect of which a surcharge is liable to be imposed in pursuance of paragraph 6 above reveals a defect in the system of control of government funds or property, no surcharge shall be imposed until a written report containing recommendations for eliminating that defect has been furnished by or through the Inspector-General to the Police Service Commission, the Director of Audit of the Republic and the Accountant-General of the Republic.

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can exercise  
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9. Nothing in this delegation shall prevent the exercise by the Police Service Commission of any of the powers hereby delegated.

Revocation  
of L.N. 263  
of 1959.

10. The Appointments and Discipline (Delegation) (Nigeria Special Constabulary) Notice 1959 is hereby revoked.

MADE at Lagos this 9th day of April 1966.

SULE KATAGUM,  
*Chairman*

G. S. SOWEMIMO,  
*Commissioner*

M. YUSUFU JEGA,  
*Commissioner*

L. O. UWECHIA,  
*Commissioner*

# SCHEDULE

## DELEGATION OF DISCIPLINARY POWERS—NIGERIA SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

<i>Officers Delegated</i>	<i>Rank of Special Constable(s) to whom officer delegated may award punishment</i>	<i>Punishment that may be awarded by delegated Officers</i>	<i>Appellate Authorities—Appeals against Conviction and/or Punishment</i>
The Inspector-General	Special Constable Superior Police Officers of and below the rank of Chief Superintendent	1. Dismissal 2. Reduction in rank 3. Severe Reprimand 4. Reprimand	Police Service Commission
Commissioner of Police	Special Constable Superior Police Officers of and below the rank of Chief Superintendent	1. Dismissal 2. Reduction in rank 3. Severe Reprimand 4. Reprimand	The Inspector-General of Police
Assistant Commissioner	Special Constable Inspectors	1. Dismissal 2. Reduction in Rank 3. Severe Reprimand 4. Reprimand	Commissioner of Police
Chief Superintendent (being a regular Police Officer)	Special Constable Sergeants	1. Dismissal 2. Reduction in Rank 3. Severe Reprimand 4. Reprimand	Assistant Commissioner
Superintendent	Special Constable Corporals	1. Dismissal 2. Reduction in rank 3. Severe Reprimand 4. Reprimand	Chief Superintendents, Provincial Police Officers, and Superior Police Officers in charge Police Divisions
Deputy Superintendent	Special Constable Corporals	1. Severe Reprimand 2. Reprimand	Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent	Special Constable Constables	1. Severe Reprimand 2. Reprimand	Superintendent