

SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT

Office of the President

Date: 25th APRIL 2018

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2

IMMEDIATE EXPENDITURE CONTROL MEASURES

Pursuant to Government's continuing commitment to implement expenditure controls as part of its efforts for financing development programmes under the New Direction administration, I hereby direct the following measures for immediate implementation:

1. Vehicle Purchase

With immediate effect, purchase of vehicles by all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and public corporations is banned until a new Fleet Management Policy is put in place.

2. Wage Bill Control

All public sector employees with the exception of those under charged emoluments and those covered by an Act of Parliament who have attained the retirement age of 60 years are relieved of their duty effective May 31st, 2018. Accordingly, the Accountant General and the respective heads of MDAs are authorised to remove the names of such persons from the payroll by that date.

3. Payment for Fuel, Telephone and Internet Services

Payment for fuel, telephone and internet services to public servants in Ministries, Departments and Agencies for their residences are suspended with immediate effect pending a new benefit policy.

4. Overseas Travel

All commitments by MDAs relating to overseas travel including cost of tickets should be within their approved budgets and must be cleared with the Ministry of Finance to ensure they are cost-effective and within budgetary limits.

5. Contract Prices

In line with Section 23 of the Bank of Sierra Leone Act 2011, prices for contracts shall be quoted and payable only in the local currency (Leone). All existing contracts already quoted in foreign currency shall therefore be paid in Leones.

6. New Contracts

All new contracts by MDAs and public corporations should be cleared by the Ministry of Finance to ensure they do not constitute a financial risk to the national budget.

7. Embassies and High Commissions

- (i) All revenues collected by Sierra Leone's diplomatic missions overseas shall be transferred to the Consolidated Revenue Fund with immediate effect. By the same token, the Ministry of Finance will effect regular disbursements to support their operations.
- (ii) All political appointees in Sierra Leone's diplomatic missions overseas including Ambassadors/High Commissioners and all Attachés are hereby relieved of their duty effective April 30th, 2018.

8. New Recruitment

All MDAs and public corporations shall refrain from any new recruitment without the prior approval of the Office of the President.

Done this 25th day of April 2018.

Signed: -

His Excellency Julius Maada Bio

President of the Republic of Sierra Leone