

L.N. 98 of 1971

FEDERAL HIGHWAYS DECREE 1971

(1971 No. 4)

Federal Highways (Building Lines) Regulations 1971

Commencement : 26th November 1971

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 26 of the Federal Highways Decree 1971, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Lateef Olufemi Okunnu, Federal Commissioner for Works and Housing, hereby make the following regulations :—

1. These regulations shall apply in respect of all federal highways.
2. No person shall create an obstruction within 150 feet of the centre line of any federal highway or plant any crop which requires to be sown and reaped within a period of 12 months upon any ground occupied by any such Federal highway or drains adjacent thereto.
3. Any person who creates or causes to be created any obstruction in contravention of paragraph 2 above shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine of twenty pounds.
- 4.—(1) An officer authorised in writing by the Commissioner may cause any building or part thereof which has been or is being created or any other obstruction which has been created or is being created in contravention of paragraph 2 above, within 150 feet of the centre line of any federal highway, to be pulled down or removed.
(2) When any expense has been incurred in the pulling down or removing any building or any part thereof or of any other obstruction as aforesaid, such expense may be recovered in a summary manner from the person who created the obstruction or from the person who caused the same to be created.

Application.

Space on both sides of federal highways to be clear of obstructions for 150 feet.

Offence.

Power to remove obstructions.

5. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Commissioner” has the same meaning as it has in the Federal Highways Decree 1971.

“create an obstruction” includes to erect a building or to plant any permanent crop, or to erect any structure of a permanent nature ;

“permanent crop” includes any tree valuable as food and trees having a trade value for their natural products to be sown and reaped within a period of 12 months ;

“structure of a permanent nature” means any structure whatsoever which once having been erected is of such a nature that it cannot be removed within 12 months after notice without damage thereto.

6. These regulations may be cited as Federal Highways (Building Lines) Regulations 1971 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

Interpretation.
1971 No. 4.

Citation and extent.

MADE at Lagos this 26th day of November 1971.

L. OLUFEMI OKUNNU,
Federal Commissioner for Works and Housing

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the above Regulations, but is intended to explain its purpose)

These regulations make it an offence to create an obstruction within 150 feet of the centre line of any federal highway and empower an officer authorised by the Commissioner to remove such an obstruction.