

## NATIONAL CENSUS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) DECREE 1973



### Decree No. 43

[27th November 1973]

Commence-  
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees  
as follows :—

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any enactment, the time within which enumeration is to be conducted for the purposes connected with the taking of the 1973 census shall be between the hours of 6 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening.

Extension of  
enumeration  
period.

2.—(1) During the period of the enumeration—

(a) except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) below all public and private offices and other places of employment (including commercial establishments) in Lagos and Ibadan shall be closed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th of November and 1st of December respectively and those in other parts of the country shall be closed on Friday and Saturday, the 30th of November and 1st of December respectively ;

Closure of  
offices  
during  
enumeration,  
etc.

(b) all banks shall be open for business during the period mentioned in paragraph (a) above for three hours only, that is to say, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on each of the aforesaid days ; and

(c) all essential services, such as hospitals, water and electricity undertakings, shall during the said period maintain skeleton staff, and it shall be the duty of the employers concerned to arrange for the skeleton staff to be counted in their homes.

(2) It is hereby declared that the periods during which offices and other establishments are closed as provided in subsection (1) above are not public holidays, and it shall be the duty of every person who has not been counted to remain in his home during the period concerned for the purpose of being counted.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any enactment, it shall be lawful for any commercial establishment affected by the provisions of subsection (1) above to increase its working hours during the week immediately following the enumeration period by such number of hours per day as may be reasonably requisite to compensate for any losses occasioned by the closure.

Citation,  
etc.

3.—(1) This Decree may be cited as the National Census (Special Provisions) Decree 1973 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 27th November 1973.

1973 No. 26.

(2) This Decree shall be construed as one with the National Census Decree 1973.

MADE in Lagos this 28th day of November 1973.

GENERAL Y. GOWON,  
*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 purpose)*

The Decree extends the 1973 census enumeration period to 7 o'clock in the evening instead of 6 o'clock in the evening and provides, among other things, for the closure of all offices and other places of work on specified days.