

STATISTICS (AMENDMENT) DECREE 1979



Decree No. 57

[30th August 1979]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1. The Statistics Act is hereby amended as follows :—

- (a) paragraph (c) of section 6 (1) is hereby repealed ;
- (b) subsection (1) of section 12 is hereby repealed and the existing subsection (2) shall be renumbered accordingly ;
- (c) for the existing section 17 there shall be substituted the following new section, that is—

Amendment
of Cap. 193.

“Penalties
for failure
to furnish
information,
etc.

17.—(1) Any person who is required to furnish information, estimates, returns or particulars under this Act and who fails to do so, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of ₦50 or to imprisonment for three months, or to both such fine and imprisonment or in the case of a second or subsequent offence to a fine of ₦100 or to imprisonment for six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment, but it shall be a defence for any person charged with failure to furnish information, estimates, returns or particulars under this Act to prove that he did not know and had no reasonable cause of knowing that he was required to give that information or those estimates, returns or particulars or that he had other reasonable excuse for such failure.

(2) Any person who after conviction in respect of an offence under subsection (1) continues to fail to comply with the provisions of the subsection, shall be guilty of a further offence and may on conviction thereof be punished accordingly.

(3) Any person who in purported compliance with a requirement to furnish information, estimates, returns or particulars under this Act knowingly or recklessly makes any statement in such information, estimates, returns or particulars which is false in any material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of ₦100 or to imprisonment for six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(4) Where an offence under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section—

(a) is committed by a body corporate, every director and officer of that body shall be liable on conviction to a fine of ₦500 each or to imprisonment not exceeding three months, or to both such fine and imprisonment;

(b) is committed by a firm, every partner shall be deemed jointly and severally liable on summary conviction to a fine of ₦200 each or to imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(5) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under subsection (3) of this section if he can prove that the offence was committed without his knowledge, consent or connivance, and that having regard to all circumstances, he exercised all due care and diligence to prevent the commission of the offence."

Citation.

2. This Decree may be cited as the Statistics (Amendment) Decree 1979.

MADE at Lagos this 30th day of August 1979.

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 amends the Statistics Act and makes it an offence for any person who fails to furnish information, estimates and returns when required to do so by the Director of Statistics.

**NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
RESEARCH (AMENDMENT) DECREE 1979**



Decree No. 58

[30th August 1979]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1. For section 12 of the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research Decree 1977, there shall be substituted the following new section, that is—

Amend-
ment of
Decree
No. 70 of
1977.

“Power of
Commis-
sioner to
give direc-
tions to the
Council.

12. The Commissioner may give to the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual or case) with regard to any of the functions of the Council or the Institute under this Decree, and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions or cause them to be complied with.”

2. This Decree may be cited as the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (Amendment) Decree 1979.

Citation.

MADE at Lagos this 30th day of August 1979.

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 purport)*

The Decree amends the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research Decree 1977 to enhance the power of the Commissioner for Economic Development to give directions to the governing Council of the Institute.

FEDERAL COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT)
DECREE 1979



Decree No. 59

[31st August 1978]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follow :—

1. The period for giving notice of appeal or notice of application for leave to appeal in an appeal in a criminal cause or matter shall, as from the commencement of this Decree, be ninety days ; and accordingly, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 25 of the Federal Court of Appeal Decree 1976 is hereby amended by the substitution for the word "thirty" of the word "ninety".

Amendment
of 1976 No.
43.

2. This Decree may be cited as the Federal Court of Appeal (Amendment) Decree 1979.

Citation.

MADE at Lagos this 31st day of August 1979.

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