

S.I. 15 of 1985

PETROLEUM DECREE 1969
(1969 No. 51)

**Petroleum Products (Identification of Tankers)
Regulations 1985**

Commencement : 31st May 1985

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 8 of the Petroleum Act 1969, and all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, the Minister of Petroleum and Energy, hereby make the following regulations :—

1. As from the commencement of these regulations, and for the purposes of identifying a tanker, the colours listed in the colour code set out in the Schedule to these regulations shall be the approved colours to be painted on every tanker carrying or transporting petroleum products in bulk within Nigeria or across the Nigerian borders.

Approved colours on tankers, etc.

2. Every tanker painted with the colours listed in the colour code set out in the said Schedule shall carry or transport within Nigeria and across the Nigerian borders only the particular brand of petroleum product in bulk for which it was painted.

Transportation of particular brand of petroleum products to be by painted tanker.

3. No tanker shall be used to carry or transport any particular brand of petroleum products in bulk within Nigeria and across the Nigerian borders unless it was painted in the colours listed in the colour code set out in the said Schedule.

Prohibition of transporting petroleum products in tanker not painted in listed colours.

4. As from the commencement of these regulations, every tanker engaged in bunkering operations within Nigeria and across the Nigerian borders shall inscribe the word "BUNKERING" on both sides of the tanker which emerge above the water level for easy identification.

Inscription of the word, "BUNKERING"

5. Any person (whether corporate or unincorporate) who contravenes the provisions of these regulations shall commit an offence, and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of ₦100 or to imprisonment for a term of six months or both and in addition to any punishment to be imposed by the Minister or an officer designated in writing by him in that behalf under regulation 6 of these regulations.

Offence, penalty, etc.

6. In addition to the provisions of regulation 5 of these regulations the Minister or any designated officer, may—

(a) cause any person, corporate or unincorporate, who contravenes the provisions of these regulations, to be arrested by a police officer ;

(b) seize the tanker and the petroleum products therein ;

(c) order the payment of the value of the said products by any such person, to the Federal Military Government ;

(d) at any time cancel or withdraw any licence or permit granted to the owner of such tanker ;

(e) take other measures which he may deem necessary for the purpose of preventing the breach of any provision of these regulations.

Interpretation.

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

“designated officer” means any employee of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation designated for the purposes of these regulations by the Minister ;

“person” includes owner of a tanker ;

“Minister” means the Minister charged with responsibility for petroleum ;

“tanker” includes ship, vessel, barges, lighters, tank vehicles ; railway tank wagons, and any other container or receptacle transporting or carrying petroleum products in bulk within Nigeria and across the Nigerian borders by road, rail, or waterways.

Citation.

8. These regulations may be cited as the Petroleum Products (Identification of Tankers) Regulations 1985.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 1.

-COLOUR CODE FOR TANKERS, etc TRANSPORTING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

<i>Means of Transportation</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>Products</i>
1. Tank Vehicles	75cm Band	Tail end of tank..	Light Blue ..	PMS or Diesel.
2. Tank Vehicles	75cm Band	Tail end of tank..	Deep Yellow ..	Diesel, Kerosene or Fuel Oil.
3. Railway Tank Wagons	75cm Band	Tail end of tank..	Light Blue ..	PMS or Diesel.
4. Railway Tank Wagons	75cm Band	Tail end of tank..	Deep Yellow ..	Diesel, Kerosene or Fuel Oil.
5. Tankers ..	75cm Band	Round the bow ..	Deep Yellow ..	Diesel, Kerosene or Fuel Oil.
6. Barges & Lighters	75cm Horizontal Band	On either side of plate 100cmX75cm, mounted at least 2 metres above the foreside of the deck	Deep Yellow ..	Diesel, Kerosene or Fuel Oil.

MADE at Lagos this 31st day of May 1985.

PROFESSOR TAM DAVID WEST,
Minister of Petroleum and Energy

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of these regulations but is intended to explain its purport)

The above regulations provide for identification colours for tankers carrying or transporting petroleum products in bulk within Nigeria and across the Nigerian borders.

The regulations also confer certain powers on the Minister for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the provisions of the regulations.