



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

DETAINED SECOND HAND VEHICLES DIVERTED INTO THE LOCAL MARKET WITHOUT PROPER CUSTOMS CLEARANCE:

1. The public is hereby notified that the Minister of Finance has obtained Cabinet authorisation to dispose of all the illicit vehicles which fall under the following categories:

- A. All vehicles that were detained by and are under the control of customs due to illegal diversion into the local market,**
- B. All vehicles which were illegally diverted but were not detained by the customs due to lack of storage facilities, but have been so recorded and listed.** (*Individuals under this category would be subjected to customs actions as prescribed under the Customs Act 20 of 1998 as amended, should they fail to adhere to this directive within 60 days from the date of publication thereof.*)

In view of the above, anybody whose vehicle falls under the categories mentioned in A or B above is required to approach the customs authority close to him/her or where his/her vehicle is detained, to make the necessary arrangements to claim his/her vehicle if such vehicle is under detention by the customs authority.

2. Similarly, all those individuals who have in their possession vehicles which have been recorded, listed, or have an admin. Mark with NATIS system, but have not been detained by customs due to lack of storage facilities at the customs warehouses should also report to the customs offices close to them for the same purpose.

3. The Public is further informed that for owners who qualify to claim their vehicles, they must prepare to comply with the following directives:

- Agree to abide by the decision or directive by the Commissioner for Customs and Excise as far as the values, customs duties, environment duties/levies, as well as penalties and state warehouse rent are concerned in terms of Section 101 of the Customs and Excise Act 20 of 1998.
- Obtain an import permit from the Ministry of Industrialisation Trade and SME Development (MITSMED).

Note: Notwithstanding bullet one above, customs value will be based on the value declared at the time of import, except where such value is disputed by the customs authority. In such cases the Commissioner for Customs will determine the value.


The commencement on Cabinet decision on relaxation of the enforcement of the Government Gazette No 3334 of December 2004 and Gazette No 5293 on detained second hand motor vehicles start as from 16 September 2019 to 15 February 2020.

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