REPUBLICA DE GUINEA ECUATORIAL

THE IMPORTATION OF USED VEHICLES AND THEIR REGULARIZATION PROCESS
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Equatorial Guinea to regulate the sector took into account the following aspects:
1. Safety for material goods, pedestrians and users of second-hand vehicles imported into the country
2. Environmental pollution caused by the gases emitted.
3. The conversion of Equatorial Guinea into a cemetery for junk vehicles.
4. The problem of turning Equatorial Guinea into a destination for vehicles stolen in the countries of origin of the import.
5. The lack of traceability of used vehicle acquisition process.

1. ISSUES.
As a result of this situation, the Government decided to prohibit the importation of second hand vehicles, through Ministerial Order No. 1/2008, dated March 14, which temporarily prohibits the importation of second-hand vehicles in the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.
In 2010, Ministerial Order No. 1/2008, dated March 14, which temporarily prohibits the importation of second-hand vehicles in the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, was repealed by Ministerial Order No. 2/2010, dated April 1, which regulates the Importation of Used Automobiles and Industrial Vehicles in the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.
The objective of which is to raise awareness among owners-importers and economic operators. On the minimum technical conditions that their vehicles must meet to be imported.

These conditions allow the Government to have better control of imported vehicles, which is reflected in an Import Authorization that is granted to the vehicles, that meet the established conditions.
For example: as an evaluation criterion, limit the years of circulation according to the vehicle categories:

A. Passenger vehicles and their corresponding trailers of the category: not have more than ten (10) years of circulation.
B. All-terrain vehicles, trucks, vans, wagons, double cabins, minibuses and the corresponding trailers of the category: not have more than twelve (12) years of circulation.
C. Trucks, buses and the corresponding trailers of the category: do not have more fifteen (15) years of circulation.
E. Heavy machinery: tractors, motorized shovels, excavators, graders, trailers of the category and machinery in general not having been in circulation for more than eighteen (18) years.
As of today, there is a draft Ministerial Order that Reviews and Updates Ministerial Order number 2/2010, dated April 1, which regulates the Importation of Automobiles and Industrial Vehicles used in the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

The idea is to penalize those who violate the 2010 Ministerial Order.

Penalty Criteria.

Violations.

a) Serious: Any imported automobile or commercial vehicle that does not have the required import authorization, but which turns out to be within the parameters provided for in this Ministerial Order.

b) Very serious: Any imported automobile or industrial vehicle that does not have the required import authorization, with the aggravating factor of being outside parameters required by this Ministerial order and those imported with unknown whereabouts in the country of origin.
Sanctions.

a) For serious infractions: Owners who commit the action mentioned above as a serious infraction will deposit 15% of the value of the vehicle being imported into the treasury.

b) Very serious violations: Owners who commit the action mentioned above as very serious violations of vehicles that contravene this Ministerial Order and that are outside the required parameters will pay 20% of the value of the vehicle to the Public Treasury.

c) For maritime transporters or other importers of automobiles and industrial vehicles, who collaborate in the commission of the infractions listed above, 25% of the value of the vehicle being imported will be deposited into the Public Treasury.
THANK YOU!!