

## **PUBLIC NOTICE ON IMPORTATION OF LUBRICANTS**

In light of the increasing illegal importation of various types of lubricants without a licence, the Energy Regulation Board (ERB) wishes to inform the general public that importation of lubricants is a regulated activity which requires an enterprise or individual to obtain a licence before they can do so.

Therefore, the ERB shall with immediate effect begin to take punitive measures on all those found importing various types of lubricants without the relevant licence authorizing them to do so. In that regard, other Government agencies have been engaged to address the issue comprehensively at different points of entry within the borders.

According to Section 8 of the Energy Regulation Act, Chapter 436 of the Laws of Zambia as read together with the Energy Regulation (Amendment) Act, No. 23 of 2003, it is an offence for any person to establish or operate an undertaking without being licensed:

- “(1) A person shall not establish or operate an undertaking except in accordance with this Act and under the Authority of a licence issued under this Act”
- “(2) A person who establishes or operates an undertaking in contravention of this section commits an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not less than fifty thousand penalty units but not exceeding five hundred thousand penalty units, or to imprisonment for a term of not less than six months but not exceeding seven years, or to both the fine and imprisonment”.

This notice serves to inform the general public that the ERB has with immediate effect enhanced surveillance at borders and on the Zambian market. Any person or entity found undertaking the importation of lubricants without a licence shall be dealt with according to the law.

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