



Press Statement

No Unlawful Parking of Fuel Tankers in Undesignated Areas

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For Immediate Release

The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) is directing all Importers/Suppliers, Distributors and Transporters of petroleum products to desist from the unlawful parking of fuel tankers (Petroleum road tank vehicles) in undesignated parking areas to ensure public safety.

Previously, the ERB has issued a directive for all transporters of petroleum products to only park at designated locations in order to not endanger public safety in the event of an accident. This reminder comes in the wake of the recent unfortunate incident where a fuel tanker reported to have been carrying 45,000 litres of petroleum products, caught fire in Lusaka's industrial area, along Mungwi Road.

To ensure compliance to the directive, the ERB has guided that going forward, fuel tankers that are not scheduled to load, offload or to undergo the fuel marking process at any of the fuel storage depots or service stations, shall not be allowed to park along any roads or in undesignated areas.

In that regard, Importers/Suppliers, Distributors and Transporters of petroleum products are required to ensure that their fuel tankers are parked only in designated areas approved by the Local Authorities. It should be emphasised that designated areas for parking of fuel tankers **do not include** residential areas and/or service stations.

Failure to comply with the above directive shall constitute a breach of licence conditions and/or of the **Road Traffic Act No. 11 of 2002** and may result in legal action being taken against the erring entity.

Therefore, members of the public are encouraged to report any transporters found in breach of this directive to the ERB, as indiscriminate parking poses a grave danger to the public.

You can contact us on the Toll Free Line, 8484 or email: erb@erb.org.zm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Namukolo', is positioned above the typed name.

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