



**LIBERIA REVENUE AUTHORITY  
REVENUE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

**REGULATION NO. : 05.1613/20/LRA/CD/30-03-21**

**SUBJECT : USED VEHICLE VALUATION**

**DATE : MARCH 30, 2021**

**1.0 PREAMBLE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 10.5 of the Executive Law authorizes the head of each ministry or independent agency in the Executive Branch, subject to the approval of the President, to prescribe regulations not in consistent with the law of the operation of the ministry or agency, for the accomplishment of its lawful functions, the official conduct of its officers and employees, and the distribution and performance of its business;

**WHEREAS**, Section 21 of the Liberia Revenue Authority Act of 2013 states that, “the Commissioner General shall also (a) Ensure the effective and fair interpretation, application and implementation of the Code”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 14247 of the Liberia Revenue Code of 2000 as Amended, herein after referred to as “the LRC”, authorizes the Minister (Minister of Finance and Development Planning) to make regulations for the purpose of carrying into effect any of the provisions of this Revenue Code;

**WHEREAS**, Part VII Transitional Provisions of the Liberia Revenue Authority Act of 2013, herein after referred to as “the LRA Act”, Section 38(1), Repeals and Consequential Amendments transferred the administrative and operational powers and duties of the Code assigns to the Minister or Deputy Minister of (Finance and Development Planning) to the Commissioner General (Liberia Revenue Authority);

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement on Customs Valuation (ACV) does not provide substantial guidance for the valuation of goods which have been otherwise used at least once in another customs territory thereby making valuation of used goods, especially used vehicles, in Sub-Saharan Africa;

**WHEREAS**, for the purpose of fairness and equitable treatment, the Customs Department needs a standard reference for depreciated values of used vehicles imported to Liberia;

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**WHEREAS**, the Liberia Revenue Code of 2000 and its amendments of 2011, including the First Schedule, make no technical or legal provision for special valuation treatment of used and/or salvaged vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, the use of standard reference for used vehicles valuation is a common practice in the customs administrations of ECOWAS member countries;

**WHEREAS**, Article VII of the General Agreement on Trade & Tariff (GATT) establishes the general principles for customs valuation for contracting parties to the World Trade Organization (WTO);

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with law, the Government of Liberia herewith sets forth the following administrative procedures and requirements for valuation of used and/or salvaged vehicles imported to Liberia.

## **2.0 LEGAL BASIS**

Section 1613 (a) states that “The primary basis for the customs value of imported goods shall be the transaction value, that is the price actually paid or payable for the goods when sold for export to Liberia...;

Section 1614 (b) states that “In a sale between related persons, the transaction value shall be accepted and the goods valued in accordance with Section 1613 wherever the declarant demonstrates that such value closely approximates to one of the following occurring at or about the same time;

Section 1615 states that “Where the customs value of imported goods cannot be determined under Section 1613, it shall be determined on the basis, and in the sequence, of the following:

- 1) the transaction value of identical goods provided under Section 1616;
- 2) the transaction value of similar goods provided under Section 1616, if the transaction value of identical goods under that section cannot be determined;
- 3) the deductive value provided under Section 1617, if the transaction value of similar goods under Section 1616 cannot be determined;
- 4) the computed value provided under Section 1618, if the deductive value under Section 1617 cannot be determined; and

Section 1210 (a) of the Modernized Customs Code states that “The Commissioner General shall establish and promulgate such rules and regulations not inconsistent with law and may disseminate such information as may be necessary to secure a just,





impartial and uniform account and valuation of imported and exported goods, and the classification and assessment of duties thereon at the various ports of entry.

### **3.0 PURPOSE**

This Administrative Regulation is promulgated to provide guidance for the impartial, transparent and fair valuation of all used vehicles imported into Liberia in accordance with relevant provisions of the Modernized Customs Code of 2018 and Article VII, Paragraph 5 of the General Agreement on Trade & Tariff (GATT) thereby giving permission for the use of other reference guides for used vehicle valuation by Customs.

### **4.0 PROCEDURE**

- 4.1 All used vehicles shall be subject to appraisalment by Customs.
- 4.2 Customs shall accept the transaction value as the first basis for the valuation of used vehicles.
- 4.3 Where, in the judgement of the customs officer, the value of the vehicle declared to Customs is unsatisfactory, the officer shall revert to other sources prescribed in this Administrative regulation.
- 4.4 Customs shall consider the make, mileage and model of used vehicles as the only parameters of consideration where other sources or reference guides are used for used vehicle valuation.
- 4.5 The Kelley Blue Book vehicle valuation guide shall be used by importers and Customs as reference for the valuation of all used vehicles imported to Liberia from United States of America. The parameters of consideration are provided in Table 1.0.
- 4.6 The National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) vehicle valuation guide shall be used as reference for the valuation of all used vehicles imported to Liberia from Europe and Asia. The parameters of consideration are provided in Table 1.0.
- 4.7 Where, and only when, a vehicle cannot be referenced in any of the aforementioned vehicle valuation guides, Customs shall use other websites to determine the value; and shall duly communicate the source of such information or value to the importer.
- 4.8 The physical condition of a used vehicle shall not be used to determine the value, whether or not a salvage certificate is issued



**Table 1.0 Used Vehicle Valuation Guide for Kelly Blue Book**

VEHICLE TYPE	AGE RANGE (IN YEARS)	MILLAGE RANGE	CONDITION
All vehicles not otherwise exempt	1 – 5	001 – 50,000	Excellent
All vehicles not otherwise exempt	6 – 10	50,001 – 70,000	Very Good
All vehicles not otherwise exempt	11 – 20	70,001 – 100,000	Good
All vehicles not otherwise exempt	21 and above	100,001– above	Fair

**5.0 PUBLIC NOTICE: VALUATION OF USED VEHICLES IMPORTED TO LIBERIA**

The Government of Liberia, through the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, hereby announces the methods and procedures for valuation of used vehicles imported to Liberia.


**6.0 EXEMPT CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES**

The following types of vehicles shall be exempt from the use of Kelly Blue or N.A.D.A. for valuation purposes:

- I. Earth moving equipment;
- II. Heavy duty trucks used in forestry or for the transportation of heavy equipment;
- III. Industrial vehicles and tankers;
- IV. Buses of more than 20 seated;
- V. Special purpose motor vehicles and lorries; and
- VI. All yellow machinery.

This Administrative Regulation shall take effect as of April 30, 2021.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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