



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING
HEADQUARTERS, MABUSHI, ABUJA.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ILLEGAL DEVELOPMENT OF STRUCTURES, ESPECIALLY FILLING STATIONS, WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF FEDERAL ROADS AND BRIDGES ACROSS NIGERIA

The Federal Ministry of Works and Housing is concerned over the development of commercial structures, especially filling stations, within the Right-of-Way of Federal Roads and Bridges across Nigeria.

The development is not only illegal but creates unsafe conditions for road users and the public. Several accidents leading to loss of lives and properties, with negative socio-economic consequences to the nation, have occurred within some of these locations.

The illegal development impedes the development, management and maintenance of Federal roads, as the structures and the activities they generate create unsafe conditions. These unauthorised structures within the Right-of-Way also eliminate safety buffers and diversion which are needed during road works. Furthermore, some of the structures constructed within the Right-of-Way, deface the environment and create public health challenges.

To arrest this unacceptable and hazardous situation, the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing has decided to recover the Federal roads Right-of-Way and deter further encroachment. **For avoidance of doubt, the Right-of-Way is the space on both sides of Federal roads covering 45.72m on either side of the road's centre line.**

Consequently:

- i. **NOTICE** is hereby given to the General Public to desist from developing illegal structures within the Right-of-Way of Federal roads; and
- ii. **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that all owners of any structure within the Right-of-Way of Federal roads are to remove such structures within thirty (30) days with effect from Thursday, March 12, 2020.
Failure to comply with this notification will result in the demolition of the structures and recovering the cost from owners of the affected structures.

Signed:
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