

DECREE No. 2025/314 OF 16 JUL 2025
to transform the Cameroon National Shippers'
Council into a public corporation

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,

- Mindful of** the Constitution;
- Mindful of** the revised OHADA Uniform Act on Commercial Companies and Economic Interest Groups, adopted in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 January 2014;
- Mindful of** the revised OHADA Uniform Act on Accounting Law and Financial Reporting, adopted in Brazzaville, Congo, on 26 January 2017;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2017/011 of 12 July 2017 to lay down the general rules and regulations governing public corporations;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2018/012 of 11 July 2018 relating to the fiscal regime of the State and other public entities;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2011/408 of 11 December 2011 to organize the Government, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2018/190 of 2 March 2018;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2012/250 of 1 June 2012 to organize the Ministry of Transport;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2018/355 of 12 June 2018 to lay down common rules applicable to contracts in public corporations,

HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1: (1) The Cameroon National Shippers' Council, abbreviated as "CNSC" and hereinafter referred to as "the CNSC", is, with effect from the date of signature of this decree, transformed into a public corporation, with the State as sole shareholder.

(2) The CNSC shall have legal personality and financial autonomy.

(3) Its headquarters shall be in Douala. However, it may be transferred to any other location in the national territory by decree of the President of the Republic.



(4) Branches, offices or representations may, as and when necessary, be set up within or outside the national territory, by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 2: (1) The role of the CNSC shall be to provide assistance, ensure the protection and represent the interests of shippers, importers/exporters and transport chain operators, and to develop and operate logistics infrastructure, with a view to promoting foreign trade.

As such, it shall in particular be responsible for the following:

a) With regards to assistance, protection and representation of the interests of shippers, importers/exporters, and transport chain operators:

- assisting and advising foreign trade actors in their operations;
- seeking and providing shippers with all the information they need to carry out their activities;
- using all actions and facilities to minimize cost and transit times in order to improve the flow of goods within the national territory or in transit;
- representing the interests of shippers both nationally and within international organizations;
- examining all freight-related technical, legal and economic constraints, and associated costs, for appropriate solutions;
- facilitating and simplifying foreign trade procedures;
- mediating between operators in the transport and trade chain.

b) With regards to setting up and operating of logistics infrastructure to facilitate the transport and trade chain:

- setting up, constructing and operating storage areas, rest areas and accommodation centres;
- setting up, constructing and operating dry ports, warehouses and external customs clearance facilities, in conjunction with the relevant authorities.

c) With regards to training and technical cooperation:

- providing training and retraining for transport and trade chain operators engaged in goods import, export and transit;
- taking part in all discussions and negotiations to improve freight transport conditions;
- building all forms of partnership corresponding to its corporate purpose.

d) With regards to collection, processing and publishing of foreign trade statistics:

- exclusively issuing Electronic Cargo Tracking Notes (ECTN) to importers and exporters, or any other related document, for any goods from or to Cameroon by any transport means, in accordance with the regulations in force;
- contributing to the collection of statistical data on foreign trade and goods in transit, in collaboration with the relevant ministries and organizations;
- tracking cargo transported by air, sea and land;
- collaborating with relevant stakeholders and organizations to issue and distribute required transport documents, in particular the International Consignment Note and the Domestic Consignment Note.

(2) The CNSC shall also be responsible for carrying out any other activities entrusted to it by the State or relating to its corporate purpose.

ARTICLE 3: (1) The CNSC shall be under the technical supervisory authority of the Ministry in charge of transport and the financial supervisory authority of the Ministry in charge of finance.

(2) The technical supervisory authority shall ensure that activities carried out by the CNSC and resolutions of the Board of Directors comply with Government's public policy guidelines in the relevant sector, as well as with laws and regulations in force.

(3) The financial supervisory authority shall ensure that the CNSC's financial management operations with financial implications comply with public finance regulations and the ex-post regularity of accounts. It shall also ensure that the resolutions of the Board of Directors with financial implications, the sustainability of financial commitments and the overall consistency of the CNSC's performance plans are in line with sector programmes

ARTICLE 4: (1) The technical and financial supervisory authorities shall, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, monitor the CNSC's performance.

(2) The CNSC shall forward to the technical and financial supervisory authorities all documents and information relating to its activities, in particular, financial statements, the auditor's report and progress reports.

(3) The technical supervisory Minister and the financial supervisory Minister shall, each in his own sphere, submit an annual report on the CNSC's situation to the President of the Republic.

ARTICLE 5: (1) The CNSC shall be managed by the following bodies:

- General Meeting;
- Board of Directors;
- Management.



(2) The powers, composition, organisation and functioning of the bodies referred to in (1) above shall be laid down in the CNSC's Articles of Association.

ARTICLE 6: The following may form part of the staff of the CNSC:

- staff recruited by the CNSC;
- civil servants on secondment;
- State employees governed by the Labour Code, placed at the disposal of the CNSC;
- occasional, seasonal and temporary staff, whose recruitment, remuneration and contract termination conditions are laid down in the Staff Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE 7: Civil servants on secondment and State employees governed by the Labour Code placed at the disposal of the CNSC shall be considered under labour legislation throughout their period of employment, subject to provisions of the General Rules and Regulations of the Public Service and special rules and regulations relating to retirement, advancement and end of secondment.

ARTICLE 8: (1) Regardless of their original status, civil servants on secondment and State employees governed by the Labour Code, who are placed at the disposal of the CNSC, shall be fully remunerated by the CNSC.

(2) The remuneration referred to in (1) above shall concern salaries and its incidentals, allowances, bonuses and other benefits granted by the CNSC.

ARTICLE 9: The civil and/or criminal liability of CNSC staff shall be subject to the rules of ordinary law.

ARTICLE 10: (1) The CNSC's resources shall comprise:

- proceeds from services and other corporate issues;
- proceeds from the issue of the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (ECTN);
- annual shippers' dues;
- one-quarter (1/4) of the proceeds from the issue of mandatory transport documents, in particular the International Consignment Note and the Domestic Consignment Note;
- proceeds from the disposal of some of its assets;
- loans and cash and discount credits;
- income from shares and investments;



- resources from cooperation;
- gifts and legacies;
- miscellaneous contributions;
- any other resources that may be allocated to it under the laws and regulations in force.

(2) The resources referred to in (1) above shall be public resources.

ARTICLE 11: The CNSC's accounting regime shall be that set out in the OHADA Uniform Act on the Law of Commercial Companies and Economic Interest Groups.

ARTICLE 12: (1) The property of the CNSC shall consist of movable and immovable property transferred by the State or acquired by the CNSC for the accomplishment of its corporate purpose.

(2) Public, national and private property of the State, transferred to the CNSC in accordance with the legislation on State property, shall retain their original status.

(3) The private property of the State transferred for ownership to the CNSC shall be permanently incorporated into its property.

(4) Property forming part of the private property of the CNSC shall be managed in accordance with ordinary law.

ARTICLE 13: Property acquired by the CNSC or forming part of its assets may be pledged as security.

ARTICLE 14: (1) The General Manager shall manage the property of the CNSC, under the control of the Board of Directors. Such management shall concern the acquisition and disposal of assets.

(2) In the event of the disposal of an asset belonging to the CNSC, the General Manager shall seek the prior authorization of the Board of Directors. He shall present an update on the situation of property to the Board of Directors which shall review same during one of its meetings.

ARTICLE 15: (1) The CNSC shall not be subject to the provisions of the Public Contracts Code. However, the Board of Directors shall ensure compliance with the rules of fair competition, equal treatment of bidders, transparency and fair pricing, in accordance with the said rules.

(2) The award and execution of the CNSC's contracts shall be subject to the common rules applicable to contracts in public enterprises.



(3) A resolution of the Board of Directors shall lay down the terms and conditions for the organization and functioning of the Internal Contract Tenders Board, the appointment of its members and the evaluation of tenders.

ARTICLE 16: (1) A decree of the President of the Republic shall approve the Articles of Association of the CNSC.

(2) Any amendment of the Articles of Association of the CNSC shall be subject to the same rules as for their adoption.

ARTICLE 17: (1) The accounts of the CNSC shall be audited by one (1) or more auditors appointed by the General Meeting.

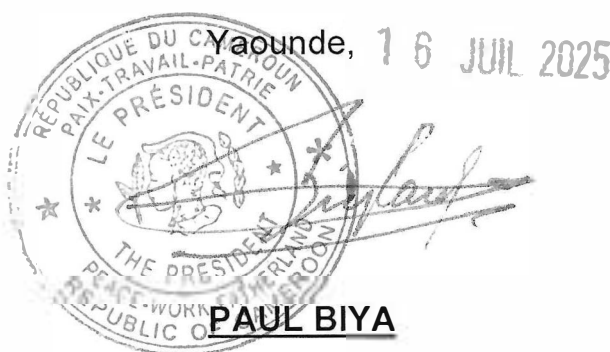
(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of (1) above, the CNSC shall be subject to controls by the competent State bodies.

ARTICLE 18: The assets, personnel and property of the public establishment shall automatically be transferred to the public corporation.

ARTICLE 19: The CNSC shall continue to discharge its functions until the public corporation is officially established.

ARTICLE 20: All previous provisions repugnant to this decree are hereby repealed, in particular Decree No. 75/118 of 21 February 1975 to lay down the establishment, organisation and functioning of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council, and subsequent amendments thereto.

ARTICLE 21: This decree shall be published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.



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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC