

EXECUTIVE ORDER N^o 17

EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13 SUSPENDING TARIFF ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, FORESTRY EQUIPMENT, AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND AGRICULTURAL SEEDS

1. **WHEREAS**, to accelerate the pace of road construction and rehabilitation, the development of the forestry sector and agricultural production in Liberia, the Government of the Republic of Liberia has reviewed the tariff imposed on essential equipment, agricultural seeds and related implements;
2. **WHEREAS**, the Government of Liberia recognizes the increased need to stimulate activities in the above sectors after years of war; and to provide incentives under the infrastructural and economic revitalization pillars of the Poverty Reduction Strategy by encouraging private sector investment in the procurement of essential road construction equipment, forestry equipment, agricultural equipment, agricultural seeds and related implements;
3. **WHEREAS**, in the exercise of the Executive power vested in the President by the Constitution, the President may issue executive orders in the public interest, either to meet emergencies or to correct particular situations which cannot await the lengthy legislative process run its course;
4. **NOW THEREFORE**, the Government of Liberia hereby extends the moratorium placed, under Executive Order No. 13, on import tariff on the type of road construction equipment, forestry equipment, agricultural equipment and agricultural seeds classified under the Tariff Numbers of the Liberian Revenue Code attached to this Executive Order, with immediate effect. Importers shall pay only the Custom User Fee (CUF) and the ECOWAS Trade Levy (ETL). This moratorium shall expire on 31 December 2009 or at the time the import tariff rates provided for in the revised Liberian Revenue Code shall be in effect.
5. This Executive Order shall take immediate effect on the 2nd day of January A.D., 2009.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, THIS
2nd DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2009

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA