



STRATEGY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY ON USED VEHICLES, VEHICLE AGE RESTRICTION AND VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Number of vehicles in Uganda is over 1.5 million of which about 500,000 are motor cycles
- ▶ Of these more than 80% are more than 10 years old
- ▶ As a result, this brings about exhaust emission problem

CURRENT SITUATION

- ▶ Government and other stakeholders realized the huge cost imposed onto the population by a result of these emissions
- ▶ Currently there is no restriction on the age on the vehicles imported into the country , discussions are going on however to harmonise within EAC region

STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS

- ▶ A number of strategies /intervention have been implemented in a phased approach.

Each intervention/strategy has had its own challenges. Various reasons were considered to inform each of the strategy,(e.g Economic)

1. -Imposing An Environmental Levy-
2. -Exhaust Emission Inspections
3. Motor Vehicle Age Restriction Policy
4. Pre-Shipment Inspection(PSI)

STRATEGY 1: ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY

- ▶ Started in 2010, progressively revised upwards from 20% .Currently it is 35% for 5-10yrs old;and 50% those above 10yrs old,(of CIF). Excludes Goods Vehicles
- ▶ Strategy is working but not deterrent enough
- ▶ New vehicles still too expensive to be afforded by majority

Impact of this strategy:

- ▶ Year 2014/14: 51,629 cleared vehicles(35,901 used)
2015/16: 34,941 cleared vehicles(18,922 used)
- ▶ Used vehicles decreasing (and increase in new ones 2,696 to 3,360) in the same period).
- ▶ **STRATEGY IS WORKING**

STRATEGY 2: VEHICLE EMISSION INSPECTION

- ▶ Mandatory Motor vehicle inspections done by SGS on behalf of Government
- ▶ Roadworthiness and emission standards enforcement (NEMA /UNBS guidelines)
- ▶ At the moment Emission results are not for fail/pass but gather data to inform further policy decisions on motor vehicles(vehicle age allowable, fuel standard, maintenance etc)
- ▶ Inspection regulation figures for CO
- ▶ Before October 1,1986, vales less than 4.5% at idling speed
- ▶ October 1986-December 1993, value less than 3.5% at idling speed
- ▶ After January 1994 value less than 0.5% at idling speed, 0.3% at 2500rpm
- ▶ etc

STRATEGY 3: VEHICLE AGE

- ▶ Currently there is no restriction on the age on the vehicles imported into the country , discussions are going on however to harmonise within EAC region

STRATEGY 4: PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION

- ▶ 3 Firms currently engaged for vehicles
- ▶ Inspection done at country of origin as per the given Manual(Uganda standards, EAC Standards, International Safety standards)
- ▶ Issue Certificate of Conformity (CoC),Certificate of Roadworthiness,Radiation levels
- ▶ Defaulters fined 15%CIF, makes good of the faults