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.
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.
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 5-10 yrs old; and 50% those above 10 yrs 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, values 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-SHIPPING 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 Roadworthness, Radiation levels
- Defaulters fined 15% CIF, makes good of the faults