



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 001 OF 2024
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WHEREAS, recent events have underscored the potential and real dangers posed by the irresponsible or illegal handling and storage of harmful articles or substances. Furthermore, the safe handling and storage of harmful substances is crucial for health and safety, the protection of lives, property, and overall security of Oyo State residents;

WHEREAS, it has become necessary that the existing regulatory framework connected therewith be strengthened to ensure comprehensive risk mitigation and proactive prevention of accidents, misuse, or any other illegal or criminal activity involving harmful articles or substances;

THEREFORE, PURSUANT to Sections 5(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), and all other laws and enabling powers in that regard **I, Engr. Oluseyi Abiodun Makinde (FNSE)**, the Executive Governor of Oyo State of Nigeria, hereby makes the following Order—

1. MANDATORY NOTIFICATION AND COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY

(1) All individuals resident in, and companies operating within Oyo State, in possession of (directly, indirectly or constructively by virtue of company directorship) harmful articles of any kind (i.e., that can be detonated by pressure, heat, impact trigger, fuse, proximity, timing-device, remote control or howsoever), irrespective of quantity or purpose, or hazard characteristics, are hereby mandated to immediately notify the Special Adviser to the Governor of Oyo State on Security of such possession.

(2) Notification in paragraph 1 above, in respect of such substances already in possession as at the effective date of this Order, shall be made within Seventy-Two (72) hours of the effective date of this Order, and subsequently, not later than Twenty-Four (24) hours upon coming in possession of any such substances; and must include a comprehensive inventory detailing:

- (a) the type, quantity, and precise location of all such substances possessed;
- (b) the purpose of possession and any relevant licenses or permits held;
and

- (c) security measures currently in place for storage and handling.

2. PRIORITIZED EVACUATION AND SECURE STORAGE

- (1) Upon receiving notification, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Security, in collaboration with the relevant security agencies particularly the Nigerian Army Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) through the Office of the Garrison Commander, Ibadan, the Department of State Services (DSS), and the Nigeria Police Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technicians, shall expeditiously assess the risk posed by each reported case of such harmful substances' possession.
- (2) Cases deemed high-risk due to quantity, type, or storage conditions shall be prioritized for immediate evacuation and secure storage in the Magazines of the Nigerian Army or in any other safe location as determined by the BDS and/or the EOD.
- (3) In addition to paragraph 2 above, all cases deemed high-risk shall be immediately isolated, disarmed and where necessary disposed by the BDS and the EOD.
- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, high-risk shall include cases of-
 - (a) exceeding designated safe quantities;
 - (b) storage in unapproved or unsafe locations;
 - (c) where applicable possession is without or with fake End User Certificate issued by the Office of the National Security Adviser/without or with fake license/permit from the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development (FMMSSD); or
 - (d) lacking proper security measures or raising concerns about potential misuse.
- (5) Evacuation and storage shall be conducted by trained personnel of BDS and/or EOD and transported to designated State-approved facilities equipped with appropriate safety and security measures.
- (6) Any company operating within Oyo State, manufacturing, storing, in possession of, distributing, purchasing, selling, transporting or howsoever dealing in, or using harmful articles or substances (with the characteristics listed in paragraph 1(1) above) for their operations shall file their Disaster Management and Mitigation Plans on the storage, transportation and handling such articles or substances together with photocopy of the End User Certificate and license/permit from FMMSSD for every consignment or supply received by such companies to the Office the Special Adviser to the Governor of Oyo State on Security not later than the fifth (5th) day of every month.

3. COST OF LOGISTICS AND REIMBURSEMENT

- (1) The cost of logistics related to the evacuation and storage of harmful articles or substances, including transportation, manpower, and any use of specialized equipment, shall be borne by the individual or company in possession of such harmful articles or substances.
- (2) Where the State Government, due to urgency or high-risk situations, incurs the initial cost of logistics, the affected individual or company shall be required to reimburse the State in full within seven (7) days of movement of such harmful articles or substances.

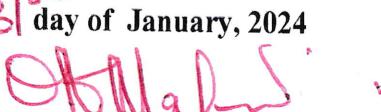
4. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- (1) Failure to comply with the provisions of this Executive Order, including the doing of any act with respect to, or omission to take proper precautions against any probable dangerous explosive in possession of any person, shall constitute an offence and shall be punishable under Chapter 38 of the Criminal Code Law, Laws of Oyo State of Nigeria, 2000 and any other applicable Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (2) The Special Adviser on Security to the Governor, in collaboration with the Nigerian Army, Nigeria Police Force, the Department of State Services, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and any other relevant security agencies, is authorized to take all necessary measures to ensure compliance with and enforce the provisions of this Order, including arrests, conducting inspections, and seizing non-compliant harmful articles or substances.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDER

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2024


ENGR. OLUSEYI ABIODUN MAKINDE (FSNE)
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF OYO STATE