

General People Committee
Decree No. (815) of 1990
on the establishment of a Customs Authority

The General People's Committee,

Upon review of:

- The Law of the Financial System of the State and the amendments thereof;
- Law No. (67) of 1972 on issuing the Customs Law;
- Law No. (55) of 1976 on civil service;
- Law No. (13) of 1981 on People's Committees;
- General People's Committee Decree No. (307) of 1987 on the regulation organising municipalities;
- General People's Committee Decree No. (571) of 1987 on reorganising the Secretariat of the Treasury;
- General People's Committee Decree No. (600) of 1989 on amending certain provisions of the decree issued on reorganising the Secretariat of the Treasury;
- The proposal of the Secretary of The General People's Committee for the Treasury in its Letter No. (10/5/3131) of 30 Muharram 1400 FDP corresponding to 21/08/1990 AD;

has decreed:

Article (1)

A public authority shall be established named the "Customs Authority" in accordance with the provisions of this Decree and shall be subordinate to the General People's Committee for the Treasury.

Article (2)

The main headquarters of the Authority shall be specified by virtue of a decree issued by the General People's Committee for the Treasury. Branches and offices may be established therefor in other areas of Libya by virtue of a decree issued by the General People's Committee for the Treasury.

Article (3)

The Customs Authority shall have the following competencies:

- a. Implement the Customs Law, collect fees for imports and exports, and implement the organising legislation for import and export, currency monitoring, the boycott of the Zionist enemy, and other legislation within the jurisdiction thereof.

All customs apparatuses, branches, and offices in all parts of Libya shall be directly subordinate to the Authority, which shall have the authority to supervise, monitor, and guide the same institutions in accordance with the legislation in force.

- b. Prepare and train customs guards.
- c. Conduct studies and research in the field of customs tariff and customs systems and procedures.
- d. Communicate with Arab and international organisations related to customs work, and participate in the meetings and congresses organised by these organisations in coordination with the People's Bureau for Foreign Communication and International Cooperation.

- e. Follow the latest developments in customs systems and any amendments thereto, and conduct studies thereon with the intention of making use thereof.

Article (4)

First: The Authority shall be comprised of the following organisational divisions:

- a. Technical Affairs Department.
- b. Training and Planning Department.
- c. Coast and Border Guard Department.
- d. Customs Centres Affairs Department.
- e. Financial and Administrative Affairs Department.
- f. Office for Boycotting the Zionist Enemy.
- g. Office for Combatting Smuggling and Narcotics.
- h. Office for International Relations.

The competencies of these departments and offices and the distribution of work between them shall be specified by virtue of a decree issued by the General People's Committee for the Treasury.

Second: The Customs Training Institute shall be subordinate to the Authority.

Pursuant to Article (1) of General People's Committee Decree No. (90) of 1997 on amending the provision of General People's Committee Decree No. (815) of 1990 on the establishment of a Customs Authority:

Article (5)

The Customs Authority shall be managed by a General Director. His professional function shall be determined by virtue of a decree issued by the General People's Committee on the basis of the proposal of the Secretary of the General People's Committee for Finance.

Article (6)

The Authority shall have a budget that shall be included in special clauses within the budget of the Secretariat of the Treasury. The Authority's private funds shall be transferred to a special account opened thereby for this purpose in one of Libya's commercial banks, to be determined by the Secretary of the General People's Committee for the Treasury.

The Authority shall have the powers of authorities that maintain their own accounts in accordance with the stipulations of the Budget, Accounts, and Warehouse Regulation.

Article (7)

The internal organisation of the Authority shall be specified by virtue of a decree issued by the General People's Committee for the Treasury and shall not contradict the provisions of this Decree.

Article (8)

Paragraphs (b), (c), and (i) of Article (2) and Articles (4), (5) and (10) of General People's Committee Decree No. (571) of 1987 on reorganising the Secretariat of the Treasury, amended by the aforementioned Decree No. (600) of 1989 shall be repealed, as shall any provision contrary to the provisions of this Decree.

Article (9)

This Decree shall enter into effect from its date of issuance and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

The General People's Committee – Libya

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