

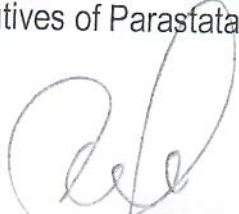
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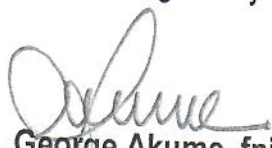
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Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission,
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**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE WITH EQUIPMENT LEASING REGISTRATION
CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROCESSES**

In furtherance of the Federal Government's commitment to transparency, efficiency, value for money, and professionalism in public procurement and equipment leasing practices, the Government hereby directs that, with immediate effect, all procurement processes involving the leasing, hiring, or provision of construction, industrial, agricultural, medical, logistics, or other categories of equipment shall strictly require evidence of Equipment Leasing registration Authority's (ELRA) Certificate of Registration.

2. To this end, each MDA is now expected to include compliance with the provision of registration of lease agreements in line with Section 13 of the Equipment Leasing Act of 2015, as an additional responsive criterion for eligibility to bid or solicit for any procurement that requires the leasing of an equipment. In other words, Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Federal Government are to ensure that henceforth all Advertisements for new projects and programmes (whether for Prequalification, Financial Bids or combined exercises) unambiguously request prospective bidders to provide evidence of ELRA's Certificate for equipment related procurements.
3. Furthermore, no procurement approval, contract award, or contract execution should be granted or recognized in respect of any equipment leasing arrangement that does not comply with this requirement.
4. This Circular is issued to strengthen regulatory compliance, promote safety and quality standards, and eliminate unregistered and unregulated equipment leasing practices within public procurement.
5. All MDAs and Procuring Entities are therefore, enjoined to give this Circular wide circulation and ensure strict compliance. Failure to adhere to the directives contained herein shall attract appropriate administrative and regulatory sanctions.



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