

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to provide that the right of the SLNC to carry at least forty percent of the total volume of seaborne transportation of cargo into or out of Sierra Leone is subject to best practice in the shipping industry;
- (b) to remove the ten percent surcharge on the services rendered by SLNC; and
- (c) to require a shipper to obtain a certificate of compliance from the SLNC before loading or clearing cargo.

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A BILL ENTITLED

**THE SIERRA LEONE NATIONAL CARRIER
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014**

Short title.

**Being an Act to amend the Sierra Leone National Carrier
Act, 2012.**

[] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this
present Parliament assembled.

Amendment
of Act No. 13
of 2012.

1. The Sierra Leone National Carrier Act, 2012 is amended as follows:-

- (a) by the repeal and replacement of the interpretation of “shipper” by the following:-

“shipper” means any individual or entity which for commercial purposes requires seaborne transportation of cargo into or out of Sierra Leone or any individual or entity which requires the provision of FPSO or FSO operating in the territorial waters, exclusive economic zone or continental shelf of Sierra Leone”.

- (b) by the repeal and replacement of section 3 by the following section:-

“SLNC to be sole national carrier.”

3. (1) The SLNC is the sole national carrier of Sierra Leone.

(2) The SLNC shall have the right to carry out at its discretion and subject to best practice in the shipping industry the seaborne transportation of at least forty percent of the total volume of cargoes exported out of and imported into Sierra Leone, whether they be dry or liquid.

- (c) by the repeal and replacement of subsection (1) of section 5 by the following:-

“ SLNC
to charge
rates.

5. (1) For the services referred to in sections 3 and 4, the SLNC shall charge rates based on the prevailing markets rates.”

- (d) by the insertion after section 6 of the following section:-

“Shipper to obtain certificate of compliance.

6A (1) A shipper before loading or clearing cargo to be exported out of or imported into Sierra Leone shall, subject to section 6 obtain a certificate of compliance from SLNC which shall be in a form determined by SLNC.

- (2) A shipper who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to the sanctions provided in subsection (3) of section 6”.