

Provided that in the case of Exit declaration, service may be done at the last known residential address of the ex-public officer who has an obligation to make the declaration”

(5) Where a public officer fails to comply with a default notice issued by the Commission under subsection (2), the Commissioner shall direct that the Accountant-General, the Director-General, Human Resource Management Office or an officer responsible for the payment of salary as the case may be to,—

- (a) withhold the salary of the public officer;
- (b) suspend the public officer after one month but not more than three months; and
- (c) dismiss the public officer after three months.”

(6) Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (5) shall not apply to an office where the grounds for removal of an officer is stipulated in the Constitution.

Amendment of section 126 of Act No. 12 of 2008.

11. Section 126 of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2008 is amended by inserting, immediately after that section, the following new section—

“126A (1) Where the Commissioner has reason to believe that a contract, to which a public body is a party, is not in the national interest, the Commissioner may, in concurrence with the Chief Executive Officer of National Public Procurement Authority, issue a directive in writing, to the public body, directing not to proceed with the contract.

(2) A party to a contract who is dissatisfied with a directive issued by the Commissioner under subsection (1) may appeal to the High Court within 7 days of the directive.

(3) A party to a contract who fails to comply with the directive issued by the Commissioner under subsection (1) commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction –

- (a) to a fine of not less than fifty million Leones or to a term of imprisonment of not less than five years or to both such fine and imprisonment; and
- (b) to pay into the consolidated Fund any money expended or damages for loss incurred on behalf of Sierra Leone after the issuance of a directive by the Commissioner under subsection (1).”

12. Section 127 of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2008 is amended in subsection (2) by replacing the fine of “not less than five million Leones” with a new fine of “not less than thirty million Leones”; Amendment of section 127 of Act No. 12 of 2008.

13. Section 130 of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2008 is amended by inserting, immediately after that section, the following new section— Amendment of section 130 of Act No. 12 of 2008.

130A. A penalty for an offence under this Act shall be increased, in the case of—

- (a) a fine of “not less than thirty Million Leones” to a new fine of “not less than fifty million Leones.”; and
- (b) a term of imprisonment of “not less than three years” to a new term of imprisonment of “not less than five years.”.

“Penalty increase.