

COALITION OF COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT OPERATORS

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Coalition of Commercial Transport Operators Rejects New Fuel Levy, Asserts Right to Set Transport Fares

ACCRA, GHANA – [July 13, 2025]– The Coalition of Commercial Transport Operators, representing over 90% of the country's transport providers, vehemently rejects the government's recently proposed GHS 1.00 per litre energy/fuel levy. We condemn this as a retrogressive and insensitive measure imposed without any meaningful engagement with the sector's key players.

This act of profound dishonesty comes after the government coerced our members into an unjustified 15% fare reduction, actively working to impoverish private operators while granting public sector workers a 34% wage increase since 2022. Consequently, should the government fail to suspend this levy, we will be left with no choice but to implement an upward adjustment in transport fares by not less than 30% to cover our operational costs, including realistic wages to our employees, necessary to promote road safety.

A History of Deception and Unsustainable Burdens

The government's justification for this levy is a fallacy. This new tax adds to the crippling burden of existing levies that have consistently failed to deliver on their promises, including the TOR Debt Recovery Levy, ESLA, the BOST Margin, and the UPPF, which have siphoned billions from consumers without resolving the debts or issues they were created to address.

The cumulative effect of these taxes is unsustainable. A single operator with just 10 vehicles can be forced to pay over GHS 684,000 annually in levies alone, a sum that far exceeds the contributions of most workers and pushes hardworking Ghanaians into poverty.

Our Right to Operate as a Business

Let us be unequivocally clear: As private business entities, no law empowers the Ministry of Transport to dictate our fares. We are committed to adjusting our prices based on market realities to protect our investments and operations from crippling policies, just like any other business concern in Ghana.

Our Demands

We therefore issue the following non-negotiable demands:

1. The government must immediately and unconditionally suspend the implementation of the new GHS 1.00 per litre levy.
2. An adjustment or increase of transport fares by no less than 30% to recover our operational costs, effective July 16 2025

3. Genuine and transparent dialogue with the legitimate, recognised leadership of all major transport unions and reject any selective, back-door engagements with operators aligned with the governing party.
4. Transparency and public accounting of all revenues generated from existing fuel levies and margins.

We serve the people of Ghana and will take all necessary steps to protect our livelihoods and the welfare of the Ghanaian consumer from these destructive policies.

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About the Coalition of Commercial Transport Operators

The Coalition of Commercial Transport Operators is the unified voice of private transport providers in Ghana and other key stakeholders, representing over 90% of the nation's commercial transport services.

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