

The President of the Cameroon Chamber of Technical Surveyors has called the country's H&M surveyors to order, reminding them that technical survey invoices must obligatorily be drawn up in accordance with the Chamber's official scale of charges which has been registered with the Ministry of Finances.

Fees charged according to the official scale are based on the quantum of losses, rather than on time spent or fixed fees for specific acts, and this sometimes generates complaints from their clients.

In order to remain competitive in the global market, it seems that some technical surveyors have therefore started to offer discounted charges to their non-Cameroonian clients, believing that in this way they can escape the vigilance of the Ministry of Finances and the Inland Revenue.

The Chamber's President drew the attention of the surveyors to the fact that failure to respect the official charge scale may result in the imposition of back taxes and/or fines on the grounds that the surveyors have deprived the State of part of the income which their work should normally have generated.

Similar official charge scales and penalties exist for all independent professions in the Cameroon (lawyers, dentists, doctors etc. etc.).

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