



**FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
ECOWAS HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

**SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA.3/6/16 ON THE SYSTEMATISATION
OF THE ECOWAS BROWN CARD**

Monrovia, 4 June 2017

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty on the establishment of the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Protocol A/P1/5/82 relating to the ECOWAS Brown Card Scheme;

CONSIDERING that since its adoption in 1982, the ECOWAS Brown Card, a true certificate of regional insurance, has had limited success;

NOTING that the ECOWAS Brown Card Scheme is faced with difficulties in effectively fulfilling its purpose;

CONSCIOUS of the need to entirely satisfy the rights of victims of road traffic accidents in the ECOWAS region;

CONCERNED with the gradual approach to systematising the ECOWAS Brown Card with the following options:
For motorists and vehicles already in circulation or newly registered vehicles for any motor liability insurance cover;

DESIROUS therefore, to enhance implementation of the ECOWAS Brown Card Scheme essential for the harmonisation and payment of claims in the ECOWAS region;



ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Seventy-Eighth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Monrovia on 1st and 2 June 2017;

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Article 1: Gradual Systematisation of the ECOWAS Brown Card

By this Supplementary Act the gradual approach to systematising the ECOWAS Brown Card with the following options are hereby adopted:

- a. For motorists and vehicles already in circulation;
- b. For newly registered vehicles.

Article 2: Modalities for the systematisation of the ECOWAS Brown Card

1. **The Brown Card shall be implemented on the basis of the following modalities:**
 - a. For motorists and vehicles already in circulation, the ECOWAS Brown Card shall be issued on request.
 - b. For newly registered vehicles, the ECOWAS Brown Card will be required for any automobile liability insurance coverage.
2. In both cases, the motorists shall be responsible for ensuring their vehicles.

Article 3: Entry into force and Publication

1. This Supplementary Act **A/SA.3/06/17** enters into force upon signature by the Chairperson of Authority of Heads of State and Government. Accordingly, ECOWAS signatory Member States and Institutions undertake to implement the provisions of this Supplementary Act after it enters into force.
2. This Supplementary Act **A/SA.3/06/17** shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairperson of the Authority. It shall also be

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published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

ARTICLE 6: DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY

This Supplementary Act **A/SA.3/06/17** shall be deposited at the Commission, which shall transmit certified copies thereof to all Member State and register same with the African Union and such other organisations as may be decided by Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES, HAVE SIGNED THIS SUPPLEMENTARY ACT.

IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE LANGUAGES, ALL TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC

DONE AT MONROVIA, THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE 2017

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H. E Pascal KOUPAKI

Prime Minister

For and on behalf of President of the Republic of Benin

Jorge Carlos Fonseca ALMEIDA

President of the
Republic of Cabo Verde

H.E Adama BARROW

President of the
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H.E. Nana Addo AKUFO – ADDO

President of the Republic of Ghana

H.E. Alpha CONDE

President of the Republic of Guinea

H.E. Ellen JOHNSON-SIRLEAF
President of the Republic of Liberia

H. E José Mario VAZ

President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau

H.E Ibrahim Boubacar KEITA
President of the Republic of Mali

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President of the Republic of Niger

H. E. Macky SALL
President of the Republic of Senegal

H. E. Muhammadu BUHARI, GCFR
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President of the Togolese Republic