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Customs Says Terminal Operators' Failure At MM Airport, Hindrance To Revenue Drive

THE Murtala Muhammed Airport Command of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has identified failure of the terminal operators to facilitate trade as a major hindrance to its revenue drive.

The Controller of the Command,

Comptroller Tajudeen Olanrewaju, told the newsmen in Lagos on Monday that the terminal operators had also been hindering national security.

He said that the service had been authorised to operate in a conducive environment while

collecting revenue for government, but added that the terminal operators at the airport had failed.

Olanrewaju said the service would exercise its powers as provided under Section 145 (1) (b) of the Customs and Excise Management Act (CEMA) CAP

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According to him, "It is also important to note that the revenue from sales of petroleum products is dwindling.

"This makes it compulsory for Nigerian government to source for revenue in other areas particularly revenue accruable from airports which is substantial.

"The Nigeria Customs Service is accountable for this revenue.

"In the face of national threat regarding terrorism, the Murtala Muhammed Airport command, cannot fold our hands to allow this threat to national security.