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NAFDAC (ANIMAL FEED ADDITIVE LABELLING) REGULATIONS, 2024

[16th Day of October, 2024]

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In exercise of the powers conferred on the Governing Council of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control ("the Governing Council") by section 30 of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act, Cap. N1, LFN, 2004 and section 12 of the Food, Drugs and Related Products (Registration, Etc.) Act, Cap. F33, LFN, 2004 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Governing Council, with the approval of the Minister, makes the following Regulations —

PART I — APPLICATION AND OBJECTIVE

1. These Regulations provide regulatory framework for the labelling of animal feed additives manufactured, imported, exported, advertised, sold, distributed, and used in Nigeria.

Objective

2. These Regulations shall apply to the labelling of animal feed additives manufactured, imported, exported, advertised, sold, distributed, and used in Nigeria.

Application

PART II — LABELLING INFORMATION DETAILS

3.—(1) Information required to be indicated on the label of an animal feed additive shall be prominent, legible and distinct.

Labelling
information

(2) Information on label shall appear in font size and style type, which are legible for clarity and on sufficient contrasting background without obscuring designs, vignettes and crowding within written, printed or graphic matter.

(3) The most prominent letters on the label shall be the brand name and the name of the animal feed additive product and the net content.

(4) The information shall be in English Language and may include any other language.

(5) Labelling shall be informative and accurate.

(6) Labelling shall not be false or misleading.

(7) The information and statement required by these Regulations shall appear on the part or panel of the label, which is presented or displayed under customary condition of purchase.

(8) The label space shall not be used to present information, statement or graphics not required by these Regulations in such a manner that may make the label space insufficient for the placing of such information or statements required under these Regulations.

(9) Labels shall not be described by words, pictorials or other devices, which refer to or are suggestive, either directly or indirectly of any other product with which such animal feed additives might be confused, or in such a manner as to lead the purchaser or consumer to suppose that the animal feed additives is connected with or derived from such other product.

(10) An animal feed additives label shall include —

- (a) brand name, where applicable;
- (b) product name and statement of identity;
- (c) lot or batch number;
- (d) net content;
- (e) manufacturing date;
- (f) Expiry Date or Best Before Date, where applicable;
- (g) manufacturer's name and location address including country of origin;
- (h) registration number assigned to it in a manner as prescribed by the agency;
- (i) storage conditions; and
- (j) any other information as may be prescribed by the agency.

(11) Label on animal feed additive shall not bear words, pictorial or other means, which refer to any other product or falsely suggest either directly or indirectly, that the animal feed additive is connected with other product.

(12) Claims on the animal feed additive shall be substantiated through field trial.

(13) Animal feed additive having a shelf life not exceeding 18 months, shall carry the date of minimum durability using words such as "keep until....".

(14) The words "Not for human consumption" or a statement substantially similar to it shall appear in a prominent position on the label.

(15) The pictorial and physiological status of the target animals shall be specified on the product label.

Name and
address of
manufacturer

4.—(1) The name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor, importer or vendor of the Animal feed additive shall be declared on the product label.

(2) The label of an animal feed additive shall be conspicuous, indicating the name, manufacturing address of the manufacturer, and the name of the Holder of Certificate of Registration.

(3) Where an animal feed additive is manufactured under contract manufacturing agreement, the name and manufacturing location address shall be indicated by the words that reveals the connection with the entity, such as "Manufactured by... for....", "Manufactured for.....by....".

(4) The manufacturing address on the label of the Animal feed additive shall be complete on the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary packaging components.

(5) Where an animal feed additive undergoes processing in a country, which changes its chemical or physical nature, the country in which the processing is performed shall be considered to be the country of origin for the purposes of labeling.

5.—(1) The primary, secondary and tertiary package of an animal feed additives shall bear the name and indicate the accurate nature of the animal feed additives. Product Identity

(2) Where a common name or statement of identity has been established for the animal feed additives, it shall be used in conjunction with the brand name of such animal feed additives.

(3) Where no common name or statement of identity exists for an animal feed additives, an appropriate descriptive name shall be affixed to it.

(4) Where a coined or fanciful name is used for the animal feed additives the name shall be accompanied with an appropriate descriptive term and not be misleading.

6.—(1) A complete list of ingredients used in preparing the animal feed additives product shall be declared on the label in decreasing order of prominence. List of ingredients

(2) The declaration of the ingredients shall be prominent, readable and understood under normal conditions of purchase.

7.—(1) The accurate net content of an animal feed additives shall be declared on the label in the metric system. Net content

(2) The declaration of the net content of an animal feed additives shall be required to be made in the case of —

(a) powder or solid animal feed additives other than those sold in tablet form by weight;

(b) liquid animal feed additives in volume;

(c) semi-solid or viscous animal feed additives by weight or volume; and

(d) animal feed additives sold in tablet form by weight, together with the number of tablets in the package.

(3) The declaration referred to in subregulation (2) of this regulation shall accurately reveal the quantity of animal feed additives in a package exclusive of bags and other material packed with it.

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Date
marking and
Batch
number

8.—(1) Animal feed additive label shall specify and legibly display the day, month and year of manufacture and expiration.

(2) The day and year shall be indicated in un-coded numbers with the year to be denoted by two or four digit and the month indicated in words or number.

(3) The date markings shall be used in combination with subregulations (1) and (2) of this regulation and be introduced with the words “Date of Manufacture” and “Date of Expiry” as appropriate.

(4) Where several items are included in an outer package which during normal usage by the consumer may be discarded, the date marking shall appear on the packaging that is retained by the consumer until consumption.

(5) The date markings and batch number shall —

(a) be indicated on the label of animal feed additive.

(b) not be pre-printed on the label.

Storage
condition

9. The required storage conditions shall be specified on the product label.

Brand name
or trademark

10.—(1) The brand name of an animal feed additives shall be indicated on the label of the animal feed additives in a manner as not to give wrong impression of the nature and quality, or substance of the animal feed additives.

(2) Where animal feed additives is rebranded, the rebranded name shall be indicated on the label and not in conflict with any Regulations or requirements prescribed by the Agency.

Direction for
use of animal
feed
additives

11. The direction for use of animal feed additives, including reconstitution, where applicable, shall be included on the label to ensure correct utilisation of the animal feed additives.

Warning and
Caution

12. Animal feed additive shall be clearly labelled conspicuously with the following precautionary statements —

(a) for animal use only;

(b) keep out of reach of children.

Reference to
professional
body or
association,
etc.

13. The label of an animal feed additives shall not refer or lay claim to an endorsement directly or indirectly, to a professional body or association, except as prescribed by the Agency

Prohibition

14. A person shall not manufacture, import, export, distribute, advertise, display for sale, offer for sale, sell, or use in Nigeria any animal feed additive except in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

PART III — OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

15.—(1) A person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on conviction, in the case of — Offences and penalties

(a) an individual, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding ₦800,000 or both; and

(b) a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding ₦5,000,000.

(2) Where an offence under these Regulations is committed by a body corporate, firm or any other association of individuals, every —

(a) director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate;

(b) partner or officer of the firm;

(c) trustee of the body concerned;

(d) person concerned in the management of the affairs of the association; or

(e) person who purports to act in a capacity referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d) of this regulation,

is liable to be proceeded against and be punished for the offence and in the same manner as if the person committed the offence, unless the person proves that the act or omission constituting the offence took place without his knowledge, consent or connivance.

16.—(1) A person convicted of an offence under these Regulations shall forfeit to the Federal Government — Forfeiture after conviction

(a) asset or property constituting proceeds derived from or obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the offence; and

(b) any of the person's property or instrument used in any manner to commit or to facilitate the commission of the offence.

(2) In this regulation, "proceeds" means any property derived or obtained, directly or indirectly, through the commission of the offence.

PART IV — MISCELLANEOUS

17. The Agency shall be responsible for the enforcement of these Regulations. Enforcement of these Regulations

18. In these Regulations— Interpretation

"Address" means a place where the business of manufacture, sale, distribution, storage and display of Animal feed additive is carried out which includes the house number, plot number, street name, town or city, state, country;

"Agency" means National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control;

“Animal Feed Additive” means any intentionally added ingredient not normally consumed as feed by itself, whether or not it has nutritional value, which affects the characteristics of feed or animal products;

“Batch number or Lot number” means the number or a combination of numbers and letters specifically given to animal feed additive product which is linked to the manufacturing history of the product.

“Expiry date” means any date after which a product is not recommended for use;

“Label” means any tag, brand, mark, pictorial or other descriptive matter, written, printed, stencilled, marked, embossed, impressed on, or attached to the packaging or the container of animal feed additive;

“Labelling” means all labels and other written, printed, or graphic matter (1) upon any article or any of its containers or wrappers, or (2) accompanying the animal feed additive;

“Manufacturing date” means any date that the product is formulated, mixed or produced.

Citation

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and Social Welfare*