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**ANIMAL FEED AND PET FOOD LABELLING REGULATIONS,
2019**

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[] Commencement

In exercise of the powers conferred on it Sections 5 and 30 of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control Act Cap N1 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (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 of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control with the approval of the Honorable Minister of Health makes the following Regulations -

1. Scope of application

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

2. Prohibition

Animal feed and pet food shall not be imported, exported, manufactured, distributed, advertised, sold or used in Nigeria unless it is labelled in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations

3. Labelling information

- (1) All information for an animal feed or pet food shall be in English Language, and may include any other languages.
- (2) An animal feed or pet food shall not be described or presented on any label:
 - (a) in a manner that is false, misleading, deceptive or is likely to create an erroneous impression regarding its identity, character, quality, quantity, composition or origin;
 - (b) by words, expressions, figures, pictorials, images or other devices which refer to or are suggestive either directly or indirectly, of any other product with which such animal feed and pet might be confused, or in such a manner as to lead the purchaser or consumer to suppose that the animal feed and pet food is connected with such other product.
- (3) The claims made on labelling for animal feed or pet food shall be based on data derived from field trial reports.
- (4) Label of animal feed and pet food shall be applied in such a manner that they will not become separated from the container through ordinary use.
- (5) The label of the animal feed or pet food shall indicate;
 - (a) The purpose for which the animal feed or pet food is intended
 - (b) A list of ingredients, including appropriate reference to additives, in descending order of proportion
 - (c) Provision for NAFDAC Registration Number

- (d) Directions for use
- (e) Lot/batch identification number
- (f) Manufacturing date and best before or expiry date
- (g) Net weight
- (h) and any other information as may be required by the Agency

4. **Name and address of manufacturer, Certificate of Registration Holder**

- (1) The label of animal feed or pet food shall specify conspicuously the name and location address of the manufacturer.
- (2) Where the product is imported, the name and address of the manufacturer and the Certificate of Registration holder shall be declared on the product label.
- (3) Where animal feed and pet food is not manufactured by a person whose name appears on the label, the name and location address of the manufacturer shall be indicated by a phrase that reveals the connection between the parties e.g. "Manufactured by.....for.....". "Manufactured for.....by.....", or any other wording that expresses the link.
- (4) Where a manufacturer has plants in many cities and/or towns, the corporate head office would suffice provided every animal feed and pet food has a code/mark to identify the processing plant where it was manufactured.
- (5) The country of origin of animal feed and pet food shall be declared on the label.
- (6) Where animal feed and pet food undergoes processing in a second country which changes its nature, the country in which the processing is performed shall be considered to be the country of origin for the purpose of labelling.

5. **Declaration of Ingredients and Content**

- (1) The label of the animal feed and pet food shall indicate;
 - (a) list of ingredients, including appropriate reference to additives, in descending order of proportion;
 - (b) the compulsory declaration corresponding to the respective category which it is intended for.
- (2) In addition to the requirements provided, the labelling of animal feed and pet food shall include the following when additives are incorporated:
 - (a) the species or categories of animals for which it is intended where the additives in question have not been authorized for all animal species or have been authorized with maximum limits for some species;
 - (b) instructions for proper use where a maximum content of the additives in question is set; and
 - (c) the minimum storage life for additives other than technological additives.

6. Storage condition

The required storage condition shall be specified on the inner and outer label.

7. Trade mark/Brand name

- (a) The trade mark/brand name shall be displayed on the label in a manner that it shall not give a wrong impression of the nature, quality or substance of the animal feed or pet food.
- (b) Where the trademark is in conflict with any Regulations or requirements of the Agency, the Regulations or requirements of the Agency shall supercede and prevail.

8. Registration number

The inner and outer labels of an animal feed or pet food shall clearly show the registration number of the product (NAFDAC REG. NO.) assigned to it as indicated on the Certificate of Registration in a manner prescribed by the Agency.

9. Precautionary statement

Animal feed or pet food shall be clearly labelled conspicuously with the following precautionary statements; indicating:

- (a) not for Veterinary use only
- (b) keep out of reach of children.

10. Offences and Penalties

- (1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction. In case of
 - (a) an individual, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding N300,000 or to both such imprisonment and fine; and
 - (b) a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding N500, 000.

- (2) Where an offence under these Regulations is committed by a body corporate, firm or 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 sub-regulation, is severally liable to be proceeded against and punished for that offence in the same manner as if he had himself committed the offence, unless he proves that the act or omission constituting the offence took place without his knowledge, consent or connivance.

11. Forfeiture after conviction

- (1) A person convicted of an offence under these Regulations shall forfeit to the Federal Government-

- (a) any asset or property constituting proceeds derived from or obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the offence;
- (b) any of the person's property or instrumentalities used in any manner to commit or to facilitate the commission of the offence.

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

12. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –

Agency means National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC)

Animal Feed means any single or multiple materials, whether processed, semi processed or raw, which is intended to feed directly to pet animals.

Batch number or Lot means the number or a combination of numbers and letters specifically given to a fertilizer product which is linked to the manufacturing history of the product.

Expiry date means any date after which a fertilizer 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 or pet food;

Labelling means any written, printed or graphic matter that is present on the label, accompanying the animal feed or pet food, or is displayed near the of animal feed or pet food, including that for the purpose of promoting its sale or disposal.

Pet animal means an animal kept in home or places outside agricultural setting primarily for a company, entertainment, pleasure, security or as an act of compassion such as cat, dog;

Pet food means any single or multiple materials, whether processed, semi processed or raw, which is intended to feed directly to pet animals.

13. Citation

These Regulations shall be cited as Animal Feed and Pet Food Labelling Regulation, 2019.

MADE at Abuja thisday of2019

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