ANIMAL FEEDSTUFF LABELLING REGULATIONS, 2019

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[date] 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 feedstuff imported, exported, manufactured, distributed, advertised, sold or used in Nigeria.

2. **Prohibition**
   Animal feedstuff 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 feedstuff shall be in English Language, and may include any other languages.

   (2) An animal feedstuff 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 feedstuff might be confused, or in such a manner as to lead the purchaser or consumer to suppose that the animal feedstuff is connected with such other product.

   (3) The claims made on labelling for animal feedstuff shall be based on data derived from field trial reports.

   (4) Label of an animal feedstuff 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 feedstuff shall indicate:
       (a) the purpose for which the animal feedstuff 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) precautions for use if any
(f) Lot/batch identification number  
(g) manufacturing date and best before or expiry date  
(h) net weight  
(i) 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 feedstuff shall specify conspicuously the name and location address of the manufacturer.

(2) Where the product is imported, the name and address of the manufacturer shall be declared on the product label.

(3) Where animal feedstuff 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 there is more than one manufacturing location in Nigeria, the corporate head office would suffice provided every animal feedstuff has a code/mark to identify the processing location where it was manufactured.

(5) The country of origin of animal feedstuff shall be declared on the label.

(6) Where animal feedstuff 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 animal feedstuff shall indicate;  
(a) the purpose for which the feedstuff is intended;  
(b) a list of chemical compositions, including appropriate reference to anti-nutritional factor where applicable;  
(c) the statement of identity of the animal feedstuff.

(2) In addition to the requirements provided, the labelling of animal feedstuff shall indicate:  
(a) dry forages and Roughages  
(b) pasture, range plants and green forages  
(c) silages  
(d) energy concentrate/ supplement  
(e) protein concentrate/ supplement  
(f) minerals and vitamins
(g) non-nutritive additives (Technical additive) stating the product’s function, as appropriate;

6. **Storage condition**
   The storage conditions; ‘store in a cool dry place’ shall be specified on the label.

7. **Trade mark/ Brand name** (where applicable)
   (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 feedstuff;
   (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. **Precautionary statement**
   Animal feedstuff shall be clearly labelled conspicuously with the following precautionary statements;
   (a) for animal use only
   (b) keep out of reach of children.

9. **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 N500,000 or to both such imprisonment and fine; and
      (b) a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding N750,000.
   (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 ;
      (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.

10. **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 regulation, "proceeds" means any property derived or obtained, directly or indirectly, through the commission of the offence.

11. Interpretation
In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –

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

**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 product is not recommended for use;

**Feedstuff** means any single or multiple materials, whether processed, semi processed or raw, which is intended to be fed directly to food producing animals, aquatic origin, or other organic or inorganic substances.

**Forage** means vegetable materials (fresh, dried or ensiled) which is fed to livestock.

**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 feedstuff.

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

**Pasture** means an area of land on which forage is grown for animal grazing.

**Silage** means fermented forage plant with moisture content of about 65% stored under anaerobic condition.

12. Citation
These Regulations shall be cited as Animal feedstuff Labelling Regulation, 2019.

MADE at Abuja this …………………..day of ……………………………….2019

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Schedule I