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NATIONAL AGENCY FOR FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL
(NAFDAC)

REGULATORY DIRECTIVE ON PARAQUAT

1.0. Purpose:

- 1.1. Regulatory Directive on Paraquat stipulates the ban on the manufacture, importation, exportation, distribution, advertisement, sale and use of Paraquat as herbicide.
- 1.2. Paraquat, a fast-acting herbicide on a wide range of annual grasses and broad-leaved weeds, is highly toxic to humans and the environment and enters the body mainly by ingestion, inhalation, or absorption through damaged skin.
- 1.3. Exposure to Paraquat may lead to burns in the mouth, acute respiratory distress, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, and fever. Muscle pain, lethargy, shortness of breath, acute poisoning including the death of the fetus are chronic effects that can persist for a lifetime with rapid heartbeat among others.

2.0. Scope:

- 2.1. This is a Regulatory Directive to all stakeholders banning the manufacture, importation, exportation, distribution, advertisement, sale and use of Paraquat as herbicide.

3.0. Directive Details:

- 3.1. Paraquat is prohibited for manufacture, importation, exportation, distribution, advertisement, sale and use in Nigeria hence farmers and all end users are directed to stop the use of Paraquat as a herbicide.

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- 3.2. NAFDAC has the mandate to ensure safe and responsible use of agrochemicals by assuring only quality, effective and safe agrochemicals are registered by the Agency.
- 3.3. The ban on Paraquat is due to its persistence in soil for a long period of time because of misuse and abuse, and its potential to contaminate water resources. Paraquat is highly toxic to humans and the environment.

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