



National Agency for Food & Drug Administration & Control (NAFDAC)

Registration & Regulatory Affairs (R & R) Directorate

GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS & PACKAGED WATER MADE IN NIGERIA

1. **General**

- 1.1. These Guidelines are for the interest of the general public and in particular, manufacturers of food products and packaged water made in Nigeria.
- 1.2. It is necessary to emphasize that, no Food Product or Packaged Water shall be manufactured, imported, exported, advertised, sold, distributed or used in Nigeria unless it has been registered in accordance with the provisions of NAFDAC Act CAP N1 (LFN) 2004, other related Legislations and the accompanying Guidelines

2. **Application**

- 2.1. A written application for Registration of Food products and packaged water made in Nigeria should be made on the company's letter paper head to the Director-General (NAFDAC), ATTENTION: The Director, Registration and Regulatory Affairs (R & R) Directorate, Ground Floor, NAFDAC Office Complex, Isolo Industrial Estate, Oshodi-Apapa Express Way, Isolo, and Lagos State.
- 2.2. An online application form for Product Registration should be purchased at; <http://registration.nafdac.gov.ng> and completed.
- 2.3. A separate application form shall be submitted for each product.

Step I

3. **Documentation**

- 3.1. The application letter and print out of the registration form are to be accompanied with two (2) sets of the following documents are to be submitted at the Liaison Office of the Director (LOD), R & R Directorate, Ground Floor, NAFDAC Office Complex, Oshodi-Apapa Express Way, Isolo, Lagos State or any NAFDAC Office (outside Lagos):
 - 3.1.1. Evidence of Business Incorporation. For Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); evidence of Business name.
 - 3.1.2. Evidence of payment to the Agency.
 - 3.1.3. Contract Manufacturing Agreement (where applicable).
 - 3.1.4. Evidence of Registration of Brand Name with Trademark Registry in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment. This should be done in the name of the owner of the Trademark/Brand name as the case may be.
 - 3.1.5. Evidence of satisfactory Inspection issued by the Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Directorate or Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) certificate for product line (companies with registered products).
 - 3.1.6. Product Labels/artwork.

3.1.7. Comprehensive Certificate of Analysis. The certificate of analysis must be presented on a letter-headed paper of the Quality Control Laboratory where the sample was tested/evaluated and should contain the under listed information:

- 3.1.7.1. The brand name of the product
- 3.1.7.2. The batch number of the product
- 3.1.7.3. The manufacturing and expiry dates
- 3.1.7.4. The name, designation and signature of the analyst

Step II

4. Product Approval Meeting

- 4.1. Upon satisfactory Documentation review, GMP inspection of the production facility and laboratory analysis of product, products are presented for Approval Meetings.
- 4.2. For products labels with compliance issues, compliant artworks may be submitted with a commitment letter from manufacturer (stating that the commercial products will be in compliance).

Step III

5. Issuance of Notification

- 5.1. For products approved at the meeting, Notification of Registration is issued to the applicant while Compliance Directive is issued to those not approved.

6. Labelling Information

- 6.1. Labelling should be informative, accurate and in conformance with the Agency's Food Labelling Regulations and the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes Regulations (Control of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes) and any other relevant Regulations.

7. Tariff

- 7.1. Please refer to Tariff section.

8. Note

- 8.1. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the disqualification of the application or lead to considerable delay in the processing of registration.
- 8.2. A successful application will be issued a Certificate of Registration with a validity period of five (5) years.
- 8.3. Registration of a product does not automatically confer Advertising Permit. A separate

application and subsequent approval by the Agency shall be required if the product is to be advertised. Simultaneous submission of registration and advertisement applications are allowed.

- 8.4. NAFDAC reserves the right to revoke, suspend or vary a certificate during its validity period
- 8.5. Filing an application or paying an application fee does not confer registration status.
- 8.6. Failure to respond promptly to queries or enquiries raised by NAFDAC on the application (within 90 working days) will automatically lead to the closure of the Application.
- 8.7. The time line for product registration from acceptance of submissions to issuance of Registration number is one hundred and twenty (120) working days.
- 8.8. Please note that the clock stops once compliances are issued.

All correspondences should be addressed to:-

Director-General (NAFDAC),

Attn: The Director

Registration and Regulatory Affairs Directorate,

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

Ground Floor, NAFDAC Office Complex

Isolo Industrial Estate

Apapa-Oshodi Expressway, Isolo, Lagos

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