

DIRECTIONS OF FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS AND CONTROL IN NIGERIA

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3RD AFRICAN FOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FORUM (AFRAF)

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MANDATE

- The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), was established by decree No. 15 of 1993 as amended and is now the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act Cap N1 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004.
- The Act mandates the Agency to regulate and control the manufacture, importation, exportation, distribution, advertisement, sale, and use of Food, Drugs, Cosmetics, Medical Devices, Bottled Water, Chemicals and Detergents (collectively known as regulated products)

NAFDAC Organogram

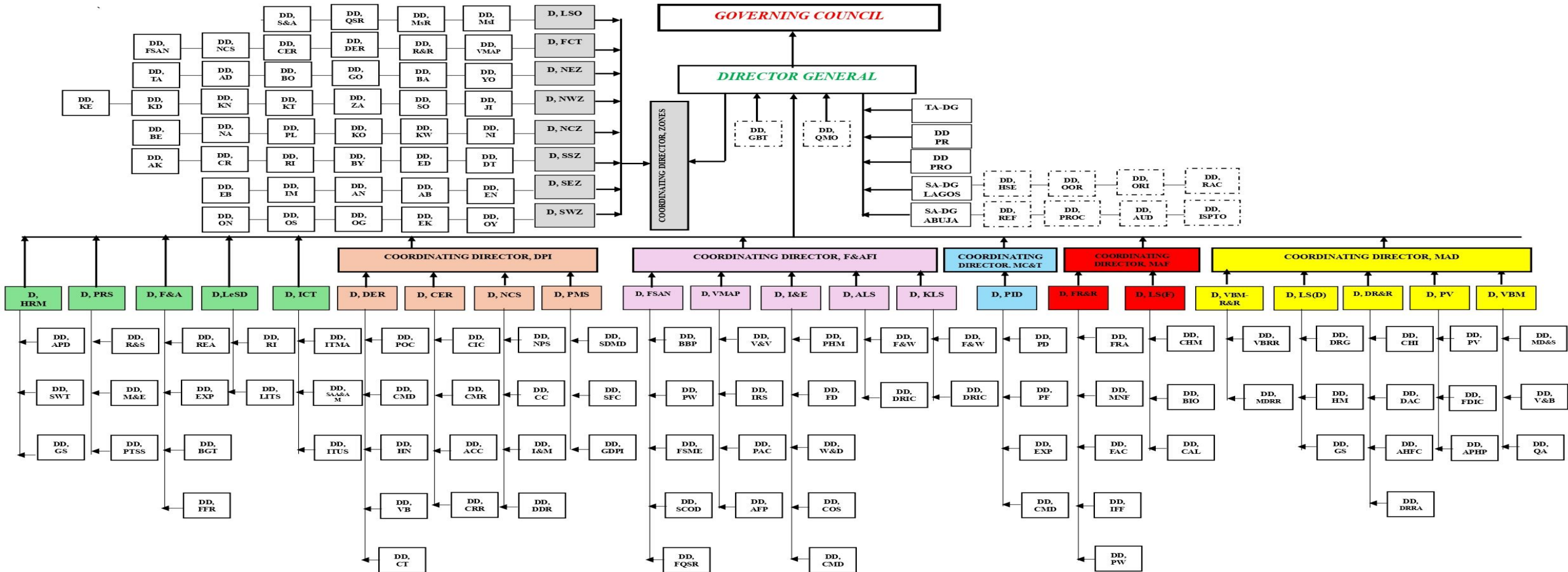


ANNEXURE 3

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Title of Annexure: NAFDAC ORGANOGRAM

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



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Staff Strength



- **Total Staff Strength = 2,271**
- Pharmacists = (12%)
- Non-Pharmacists regulatory officers
(Basic Sciences including Food Science
= (67%)
- Non-Regulatory Officers = (21%)

Food Regulations and Control: Legal Framework



- **Enabling Acts**
 - **NAFDAC Act, Cap N1 LFN 2004**
 - **Food, Drugs & Related Products (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap F33 LFN 2004**
- **Regulations**
 - **Food Fortification Regulations 2021**
 - **Food Grade (Table or Cooking) Salt Regulations 2021**
 - **Food Additives Regulations 2021**
 - **Food Products Advertisement Regulations 2021**
 - **Fats, Oils and Foods Containing Fats and Oils Regulations 2022**
 - **Pre-Packaged Food (Labelling) Regulations 2022**
 - **Food and Related Products Registration Regulations 2025**
- **Applied alongside NIS Standards, NAFDAC food GMP Guidance, Laboratory Methods and Applicable Codex References.**

WHY THE DIRECTION OF FOOD SAFETY REGULATION MATTERS



- **Interconnected supply chains and markets**
- **Urbanization and informal food markets**
- **Intra-African and international trade**
- **Emerging hazards and food fraud**
- **Climate variability**
- **Antimicrobial resistance and One Health risks**
- **New foods, ingredients and technologies**

Nigeria's Direction

- **Science-based**
- **Risk-based**
- **Anticipatory**
- **Resilient Food Governance**

NIGERIA'S FOOD CONTROL SYSTEM



Direction: Stronger Coordination Across the Farm-to-Fork Continuum

FARM → PROCESSING → STORAGE → TRANSPORT → DISTRIBUTION → RETAIL / FOOD SERVICE → CONSUMER

- **Food Safety Is A Shared Responsibility**
 - Health
 - Agriculture
 - Industry and Trade
 - Environment
 - Water
 - Standards
 - Research
 - States and Local Governments
- **Pre-Market**
 - Registration and Inspection
- **Market**
 - Laboratory
 - Labelling
 - Post-marketing
- **Incidents**
 - Investigation
 - Recall
 - Enforcement
- **Nutrition**
 - Fortification
 - Breast Milk Substitute
 - Nutrition-Related Regulations

NAFDAC: FROM ROUTINE CONTROL TO RISK-BASED REGULATION

RISK IDENTIFICATION → RISK ASSESSMENT → CATEGORISATION → TARGETED CONTROL → SURVEILLANCE

- **Traditional**
 - Broad routine inspection
 - Uniform regulatory attention
 - Compliance-focused
 - Reactive intervention
 - Periodic assessment
- **Risk-Based Categorization**
 - Proportionate oversight
 - Risk-focused/preventive
 - Anticipatory regulation
 - Continuous surveillance
- **Low-Risk – Routine Oversight**
- **Medium Risk- Enhanced Monitoring**
- **High-Risk – Intensified attention**

FROM INSPECTION TO PREVENTION

- **THE STRONGEST CONTROL IS PREVENTION**
- **Good Hygiene Practice**
- **Good Manufacturing Practice**
- **HAACP Control**
 - **Hazard Analysis**
 - **Critical Control Points**
 - **Critical Limits**
 - **Monitoring**
 - **Corrective Action**
 - **Verification**
 - **Documentation**

FROM DATA TO REGULATORY INTELLIGENCE

Nigeria's direction: stronger laboratory evidence • integrated PMS • Foodborne Surveillance • Data integration • Early warning

- **Laboratories**
 - Sampling → Testing → Evidence
- **Complaints**
 - Consumer → Signal → Investigation
- **Surveillance**
 - Market → Signals → Patterns
- **Data**
 - Information → Risk Assessment → Decision

NAFDAC's DIRECTION: WHEN PREVENTION FAILS



A RESILIENT FOOD-CONTROL SYSTEM MUST BE ABLE TO ACT QUICKLY

- *Resilience is not the absence of incidents. It is the capacity to detect, contain, respond and learn*
 - Detect
 - Trace
 - Recall
 - Communicate
 - Investigate
 - Enforce
 - Prevent
- **TRACEABILITY + ENFORCEMENT + RISK COMMUNICATION**

FROM PAPER-BASED OVERSIGHT TO CONNECTED DIGITAL REGULATION

NAFDAC is building a digital regulatory ecosystem

- Regulatory information & services
 - Integrated Regulatory Information Management System – IRIMS
 - Online applications, tracking, approvals and compliance activities
- Product administration & monitoring
 - **NAFDAC Automated Product Administration and Monitoring System (NAPAMS)**
 - Digital product registration, application processing and verification, inspection module
- Port inspection & clearance
 - Ports Inspection Data Capture and Risk Management System, (PIDCARMS)
 - Electronic clearance, inspection and release workflow
- Laboratory Management – LIMS
 - Laboratory Information Management System
 - Laboratory sample/result workflow and performance visibility
- Registered-product transparency –Greenbook
 - Public access to registered-product information
 - Under construction for Foods



NAFDAC's ANTICIPATING EMERGING RISKS

- Climate
 - Changing temperature, rainfall, flooding, storage and contamination patterns.
- Food Fraud – NAFDAC's Post Marketing Online Marketing Vigilance
 - Safety, nutritional integrity, consumer trust and legitimate business are affected.
- Antimicrobial Resistance (NAFDAC's One Health Approach)
 - Food systems connect human, animal and the environment- antimicrobial use.
- Changing Food Systems – Supported by NAFDAC's New Regulations
 - Globalized supply chains, urbanization, changing diets and new technologies create new exposure pathways.

Regulatory intelligence • Risk assessment • Scientific evidence •
Regulatory readiness • Innovation

NAFDAC: FROM REGULATORY OUTPUTS TO STRATEGIC RESILIENCE

- Risk-Based
- Science-driven
- Intelligence-driven
- Preventive
- Digitized
- Resposnice
- Multisectoral
- Innovation Ready
- Regionally Connected

FROM NATIONAL SYSTEMS TO CONTINENTAL CONVERGENCE

- Regulatory Cooperation – Reliance
- Regulatory Convergence
 - Greater alignment of approaches and requirements
- Shared evidence and technical capacity
- Safe Intra-African Trade
- Skills, systems and institutional strengthening
- Regulation Readiness to respond to new technologies

WAY FORWARD

- **Nafdac's DIRECTION: BUILDING A RESILIENT FOOD-CONTROL SYSTEM**
 - **From Compliance to Prevention**
 - **From Inspection to Intelligence**
 - **From Reactive Control to Preventive Systems**
 - **Safe Food. Resilient Food Systems. Healthier Nigerians**

THANK YOU