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NAFDAC Releases New Terms of Use for Certificate of Product Registration

The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) has introduced new Terms of Use for its Certificate of Product Registration, aimed at guiding Market Authorization Holders (MAH) on the appropriate use of the certificate and preventing its misuse. These terms emphasise strict compliance regarding the manufacture, importation, distribution, and advertisement of products. As such, MAHs are required to ensure their products consistently meet safety, efficacy, and quality standards throughout their lifecycle, aligning with NAFDAC's approved criteria as well as international regulatory standards.

Additionally, the new terms mandate All MAHs to obtain NAFDAC approval for any advertisements or changes to a product's composition, labeling, packaging, or intended use. MAHs are also required to implement a robust pharmacovigilance system for monitoring product safety and prompt reporting harmful outcomes from a product.

Comment

The introduction of these terms is particularly beneficial as it ensures greater accountability, improves product safety, and strengthens regulatory oversight. It enhances public trust in the safety and quality of products circulating in the market and helps safeguard public health, making it a vital step for both businesses and consumers alike. The increased emphasis on product safety is one of this term's main advantages. The risk to the public's health is greatly decreased by this proactive safety monitoring, which helps keep dangerous products off the market. The Terms assist in shielding customers from the dangers associated with inferior or dangerous products by enforcing stricter control and accountability. These steps help customers by guaranteeing the integrity of the goods they buy and businesses by making regulatory expectations clear.

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Nigeria Invests in Technical and Vocational Education and Training Program



In furtherance of the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) and efforts to improve the educational sector, N50 billion from the national budget has been allocated to promoting online education in secondary schools and expanding Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programs.

This decision forms part of an initiative targeted at modernising the Nigeria's educational system while leveraging digital platforms and vocational

vocational training to equip students with 21st century skills. With only 20% of the curriculum devoted to theoretical learning and 80% to practical training, this effort places a higher priority on experiential learning.

The program's goals are to improve learning results and encourage innovation throughout Nigeria's vast network of more than sixty-six thousand (66,000) secondary schools. By preparing students for the demands of a quickly changing global economy, the government seeks to bridge the educational gap, generate employment opportunities, and propel national growth.

Comment

The Federal Government's renewed emphasis on vocational and technical education through its proposed TVET programme is a welcome development, especially given the urgent need to equip young Nigerians with practical, job-ready skills.

By supporting hands-on training and offering financial backing, the initiative has the potential to address youth unemployment and promote entrepreneurship across diverse sectors.

However, effective implementation will require overcoming key infrastructural limitations. Many training centres still lack access to essential tools such as laptops, internet connectivity, and reliable electricity—resources critical for delivering modern vocational education. Without addressing these deficits, the programme risks falling short of its intended impact. To succeed, it must be backed by investments in technology, digital infrastructure, and partnerships that ensure trainees have the tools needed to compete in today's economy.

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New National Single Window to Drive 25% Reduction in Port Operations Expense



In January 2023, the Federal Government announced its intention to establish the National Single Window (NSW) system, with a goal of lowering the cost of doing business in Nigerian ports by at least 25%. At a stakeholders' event, Minister of Marine and Blue Economy Adegboyega Oyetola emphasised how the NSW system will improve port operations, expedite processes, and increase transparency, ultimately leading to cost savings and efficiency. He emphasised that the implementation of the NSW system is expected to significantly improve trade facilitation and ease of doing business by minimizing delays.

He outlined the Government's ongoing effort to enhance multimodal connectivity to boost trade and reduce transportation costs. These improvements involve better road, rail, and inland waterway links to and from the ports, as well as significant upgrades to both landside and seaside operations. He highlighted the recent clearance of traffic along the Apapa-Tin Can-Mile 2 corridor, in collaboration with the Lagos State Government, and the provision of

essential port equipment like tugboats and pilot cutters which yielded positive results, including a reduction in both vessel and truck turnaround times.

Dr. Abubakar Damsoko, Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), described the NSW system as a comprehensive online platform that integrates stakeholders in foreign trade—such as importers, exporters, commercial banks, carriers, and government agencies. He emphasised that the system would enable seamless trade operations, providing a unified environment for electronic exchange of trade data, a best practice in global trade.

Comment

The NSW initiative is expected to give Nigeria's ports a more competitive edge globally, in line with international maritime best practices, such as the International Maritime Organization's Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL). Indeed, it is a crucial step toward modernizing trade processes and enhancing Nigeria's global trade competitiveness.

However, it is vital to note that there have been several unsuccessful attempts by the Federal Government to create and implement the NSW in the past. Yet given the project's optimism, it is anticipated that the system will ultimately be implemented and aid in overcoming previous obstacles to port operations, such as technological barriers and bureaucratic bottlenecks, in order to successfully deploy the system and unleash the potential of Nigeria's ports.

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