

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STANDARDS ORGANISATION OF NIGERIA ACT NO.18 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 1990 TO COMPILE AND PUBLISH QUARTERLY AN INVENTORY OF SUBSTANDARD PRODUCTS IN CIRCULATION AND IMPOSE STIFFER PENALTIES ON DEFAULTERS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follow:

- 1 **1.** The Standard Organisation of Nigeria Act No.18 Laws of Amendment of
2 Federation of Nigeria herein referred to as “the Act” is hereby amended as the Principal Act
3 follows: No.18 of 1990
- 4 **2.** Section 5(d) of the Act is amended by inserting “and publishes Amendment of
5 quarterly” immediately after “To compile” and to read: “To compile and Section 5
6 publish an inventory of products requiring standardization and publish in
7 two major Nigeria Newspaper covering the North and South.”
- 8 **3.** Section 15(b) of the Act is amended by replacing N1000 with Amendment of
9 “N500,000” in line 3 to read: “a certification mark resembling or purporting Section 15 (b)
10 to be a certification mark issued in pursuance of section 14 of this Act, shall
11 be guilty of an offence and on conviction liable to a fine not exceeding
12 N500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or both such
13 fine and imprisonment”.
- 14 **4.** Section 19(1) of the Act is amended by replacing N400 with Amendment of
15 N100,000 in line three (3) and to read, “if any person required to furnish Section 19 (1)
16 returns pursuant to section 18(1) of this Act fails to furnish those returns as
17 required under this Act, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on
18 conviction to a fine not exceeding N100,000 or imprisonment for a term not

- 1 exceeding six months or to both.”
- Amendment of
Section 19 (2) 2 5. Section 19(2) of the Act is amended by replacing N200 with
3 N200,000 in line three (3) and to read, “if a person in purported compliance
4 with a requirement to furnish returns as aforesaid knowingly or recklessly
5 makes any statement in the return which is false in a material particular, he shall
6 be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding
7 N200,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both.”
- Amendment of
Section 19 (3) 8 6. Section 19(3) of the Act is amended by replacing N200 with
9 N350,000 in line three (3) and to read, “Any person who willfully obstructs
10 interferes with, assaults or resists any officer or servant of the organisation in
11 the execution of his duty under this Act or who aids, invites, induces or abets
12 any other person to obstruct, interferes with, Sault or resist any such officer or
13 servant, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not
14 exceeding N350,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months
15 to both.”
- Citation 16 7. This Bill may be cited as the Standards Organisation of Nigeria Act
17 (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to amend the Standard Organisation of Nigeria Act by ensuring that the Organisation is given the legal mandate to compile and publish quarterly an inventory of substandard products in circulation and impose stiffer punishment on defaulters who are found guilty of contravening the provision of this Act.