

CASSAVA FLOUR (MANDATORY INCLUSION IN FLOUR PRODUCTION)
BILL, 2015.

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CASSAVA INCLUSION POLICY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, TO ENCOURAGE CASSAVA FARMING, CREATE A SUSTAINABLE MARKET FOR THE PRODUCE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Sponsored by Senator Rose Oko

[] Commencement

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

1 MANDATARY INCLUSION OF CASSAVA TO EDIBLE FLOUR

2 1.-(1) From the commencement of this Bill, it shall be mandatory
3 for makers of edible flour in Nigeria to include to their output, a proportion
4 of cassava flour as shall be recommended by the Committee established
5 under this Bill.

6 (2) The quantity of cassava flour required by this Act shall be as
7 prescribed by the Committee established under section 2 of this Act.

8 2. -(1) There is hereby established a Committee to be known as the
9 Composite Flour Policy Coordination Committee (in this Bill referred to as
10 the "Committee").

Establishment of
Composite Flour
Policy Committee

11 (2) The Committee shall include -

12 (a) the Minister for Agriculture who shall be the Chairman;

13 (b) the Minister for Commerce;

14 (c) the Minister for Science and Technology;

15 (d) the Director-General of NAFDAC;

16 (e) a representative of the Flour Millers Association of Nigeria;

17 (f) a representative of Bakers' Association;

18 (g) a representative of Cassava Farmers Association; and

19 (h) a representative of the organized labour.

Status of Members of the Committee	1	3. The members of the Committee except persons mentioned under
	2	paragraph (a) to (d) of subsection (2) of this section shall be part-time
	3	members.
Allowances of members of the Committee	4	4. Members of the Committee shall be paid such allowances as the
	5	Minister shall from time to time direct.
Meetings and Proceedings of the Committee	6	5.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Committee may make
	7	standing orders in respect of its proceedings.
	8	(2) The Chairman shall preside at every meeting of the Committee but
	9	in his absence the members present shall elect one of their members present to
	10	preside at the meeting.
	11	(3) The quorum for meeting of the Committee shall be five.
	12	(4) The Committee may appoint any of its members to act as a
	13	Secretary at any of its meetings.
Functions of the Committee	14	6. The functions of the Committee shall be to:
	15	(a) prescribe the quantity of Cassava flour that shall be included by
	16	each maker of edible flour as provided under section 1 of this Bill Provided that
	17	the committee shall not recommend the inclusion of less than 20% cassava
	18	flour by makers of edible flour at any material time;
	19	(b) ensure that there is an existing data base of all bakers and users of
	20	edible flour for production of consumables in Nigeria.
	21	(c) ensure that all bakers and users of edible flour comply with the
	22	prescribed quantity of cassava prescribed by the Committee pursuant to
	23	paragraph (a) of this section.;
	24	(d) formulate and implement the National Composite Flour Policy
	25	from time to time;
	26	(e) undertake such other activities as are necessary or expedient for
	27	giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill.
Offences and Penalty	28	7. A maker of edible flour whether an individual or a corporate body
	29	who contravenes the provisions of this Bill commits an offence and shall be
	30	liable to:

- 1 (a) a fine not less than N5,000,000: 00; and
 2 (b) suspension of operation for a period of 5 years;
- 3 **8.**-(1) The Minister may make regulations necessary for giving full Power to make
Regulations
 4 effect to the provisions of this Act and for their due administration.
- 5 (2) Regulations made under this Bill shall not come into effect
 6 unless it is approved by a simple resolution of both houses of the National
 7 Assembly.
- 8 **REPORT TO BE LAID BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**
- 9 **9.** The Minister shall cause a report on the implementation of this Report to be laid
before the
National Assembly
 10 Bill to be presented to the relevant committees of each house of the National
 11 Assembly before the 30 of April of each year.
- 12 **10.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation
- 13 "Minister" means the Minister in charge of Agriculture;
 14 "relevant committees" in respect to each House of the National Assembly
 15 means the committees charged with the responsibility of oversight on
 16 Agriculture.
- 17 "Maker of edible flour" means any person who is in the business of
 18 producing edible flour either as baker, miller or for use in the production of
 19 pasta, confectionery etc.
- 20 **11.** This Bill may be cited as the Cassava Flour (Mandatory Short Title
 21 Inclusion in Flour Production) Bill, 2015.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for a legal framework for the cassava inclusion policy of the federal government to encourage cassava farming, create sustainable market for the produce and set up a committee for the implementation and sustenance of the policy.