

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANDATORY INCLUSION OF CASSAVA AND SORGHUM IN THE PRODUCTION OF ALL FLOURS IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Olusegun Odebunmi

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 1.-(1) There is hereby established a committee to be known as the
2 Composite Flour Policy Co-ordination Committee. In this Act referred to as
3 the "Co-ordinating Committee" which shall be responsible for the
4 formulation and implementation of the National Composite Flour Policy.

Establishment
of Composite
Flour Policy
Co-ordination
Committee

- 5 2.-(1) The Co-ordinating Committee shall include:
- 6 (a) the Minister for Agriculture as Chairman;
 - 7 (b) the Minister for Commerce;
 - 8 (c) the Minister for Science and Technology;
 - 9 (d) the Director-General of NAFDAC;
 - 10 (e) a representative of the flour millers;
 - 11 (f) a representative of bakers;
 - 12 (g) representatives of Cassava Grower's Association;
 - 13 (h) representative of Sorghum Grower's Association; and
 - 14 (i) a representative of organised labour.

Composition of
the Co-ordinating
Committee

15 (2) The Co-ordinating Committee shall regulate its proceedings.

16 (3) The Co-ordinating Committee shall prepare and publish the
17 first National Composite Flour policy within one year of the
18 commencement of this Act.

19 (4) The Policy document prepared pursuant to subsection (3) of

1 this section shall come into force subject to the provision of section 4 of this
2 Act.

3 3.-(1) as from the commencement of this Act, it shall be mandatory
4 for all makers of edible flours in Nigeria to ensure the inclusion of:

5 (a) a proportion of cassava flour to be applied in the production of
6 their outputs;

7 (b) Proportion of Sorghum flour to be applied in the production of
8 their outputs;

9 (c) Such proportion shall be determined by the Minister in charge of
10 Agriculture, in consultation with the Coordinating Committee, and it can be
11 subjected to review by the Committee in line with the prevailing situation.

12 (2) any maker of edible flour who contravenes the provisions of
13 subsection 1 of this section, commits an offence and is liable to:

14 (a) a fine of N10,000,000.00;

15 (b) suspension of operation for a period of 5 years;

16 (3) any staff of the body corporate who authorize the action leading to
17 the offence in subsection 2 of this section shall be liable to an imprisonment of a
18 term not less than one year.

19 4.-(1) The Minister in consultation with the Coordinating Committee
20 shall make and publish regulations for:

21 (a) the proportion of Cassava flour in relation to Sorghum flour to be
22 applied in the process of making edible flours;

23 (b) the proportion of Sorghum flour in relation to Cassava flour to be
24 applied in the process of making edible flours;

25 (c) such other matters necessary for giving full effect to the provisions
26 of this Act and for their due administration.

27 (2) Regulations made under this Act shall not come into effect unless
28 it is approved by a simple resolution of both houses of the National Assembly.

29 5. The Minister shall cause a report on the implementation of this Act
30 in the preceeding year to be presented to the relevant committees of each house

1 of the National Assembly on or before 30th April of each year.

2 **6. In this Act:**

Interpretation

3 "Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility of
4 Agriculture;

5 "relevant committees" in respect to each House of the National Assembly
6 means the committees charged with the responsibility of Agriculture.

7 **7. This Bill may be cited as the Cassava and Sorghum Flour**
8 **(Mandatory Inclusion in Flour Production) Bill, 2019.**

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the mandatory inclusion of certain proportion of cassava and Sorghum Flour in all flours produced and used in Nigeria.

