

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO INSTILL PATRIOTISM AND NATIONALISM AMONG THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, WHO SHALL PROMOTE THE PREFERENTIAL USE OF NIGERIAN GARMENTS; ADOPT MEASURES THAT HELP MAKE THE NIGERIA'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY COMPETITIVE AND THUS GENERATE WIDER EMPLOYMENT AND GREATER BENEFITS TO THE COUNTRY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Yusuf Ahmed Tijani Damisa

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows-

1 1. There shall be established the Garment Promotion Establishment
2 Implementation Committee (in this Bill referred to as the "Committee").

3 2. The Committee shall comprise the following persons- Membership of
4 (a) the Head of Service of the Federation, who shall be the the Committee

5 Chairperson;
6 (b) the Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission, who
7 shall be the Deputy Chairperson;

8 (c) the Secretary to the Government of the Federation;

9 (d) all Permanent Secretaries of the Federal Ministries, who shall
10 serve as the ex-officio members; and

11 (e) all Secretaries to the Governments of the 36 states of the
12 Federation.

13 3. The Committee shall- Functions of
14 (a) ensure total compliance with the provision of Section 13 (1) of Committee

15 this Bill;

16 (b) receive, consider and report on any submission by government
17 officials and employees related to non-compliance;

- 1 (c) impose and collect fine on defaulters;
- 2 (d) set up Compliance Team in every Ministry, Department and
- 3 Agency of government of the Federation;
- 4 (e) track state and federal contacts and efforts to implement the rule;
- 5 and
- 6 (f) determine appropriate stance of policy in the short to medium
- 7 term.

Meetings of the
Committee

8 4.-(1) The Committee shall meet for the dispatch of business at a time

9 and place determined by the Committee but shall meet at least once every three

10 months.

11 (2) The chairperson shall upon the request of not less than five

12 members of the Committee convene a special meeting of the Committee.

13 (3) The quorum at a meeting of the Committee shall be ten members

14 and shall include the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

15 (4) The chairperson shall preside at every meeting at which he is

16 present and in his absence, a member of the Committee elected by the members

17 present from among their number shall preside.

18 (5) Questions before the Committee shall be decided by a majority of

19 the members present and voting.

20 (6) The person presiding at a meeting of the Committee shall in the

21 event of equality of votes have a second or casting vote.

22 (7) The Committee may co-opt any person to act as an adviser at its

23 meetings but no co-opted person is entitled to vote at the meeting.

24 (8) The validity of the proceedings of the Committee shall not be

25 affected by a vacancy among its members or by a defect in the appointment or

26 qualification of a member.

27 (9) Except as otherwise provided under this section, the Committee

28 shall determine and regulate the procedure for its meetings.

Disqualification
from Membership
of Committee

29 5.-(1) A person may not be appointed as or remain a member of the

30 Committee, as the case may be, if that person-

1 (a) is an insolvent or becomes insolvent and the insolvency results
2 in the sequestration of that person's estate;

3 (b) has been convicted, in Nigeria or elsewhere, of theft, fraud,
4 forgery, perjury or any other offence involving corruption;

5 (c) has been convicted of any other offence, whether in Nigeria or
6 elsewhere; and

7 (d) has been, or is, removed from an office of trust on account of
8 misconduct in respect of fraud or the misappropriation of money.

9 (2) A member of the Committee may be removed from office by
10 the President if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Committee or
11 Public that the member should continue in that office.

12 (3) A member of the Committee, other than an ex-officio, may
13 resign his appointment by a notice in writing under his hand, addressed to
14 the President.

15 (4) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Committee,
16 it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the
17 remainder of the term of office of his predecessor, so that the successor shall
18 represent the same interest and shall be appointed by the President.

19 6. There shall be established the Federal Advisory Council on
20 Textiles and Clothing (in this Bill referred to as the "Council").

21 7. The Council shall comprise the following persons-

22 (a) a representative from Federal Ministry of Agriculture;

23 (b) a representative from Federal Ministry of Trade and
24 Investment;

25 (c) a representative from Federal Ministry of Power;

26 (d) a representative from Federal Ministry of Water Resources;

27 (e) a representative from Federal Ministry of Finance;

28 (f) a representatives from Central Bank of Nigeria;

29 (g) a representative from the Nigeria Customs Service; and

30 (h) a representative from each of the states involved in the

Membership of
the Council

1 production of cotton.

Functions of
Council

2 8. The Council shall serve to make recommendations and provide
3 key information and materials to the President, through the Minister of Trade
4 and Investment, on the ways to-

5 (a) resuscitate the country's cotton belt;

6 (b) identify textile clusters;

7 (c) improve cotton production nationwide;

8 (d) identify infrastructure deficit to the textile clusters;

9 (e) ensure captive power generation is financed and addressed for the
10 textile clusters;

11 (f) strengthen the Nigerian Customs Service to curb smuggling of
12 textile goods;

13 (g) ensure zero per cent duty for machineries needed by the textile
14 industry; and

15 (h) retool and re-fit plants and machineries of the textile industry.

Meetings of
the Council

16 9.-(a) The Council shall meet for the dispatch of business at a time and
17 place determined by the Council but shall meet at least once every three
18 months;

19 (b) The chairperson shall upon the request of not less than five
20 members of the Council convene a special meeting of the Council;

21 (c) The quorum at a meeting of the Council shall be ten members and
22 shall include the Secretary to the Government of the Federation;

23 (d) The chairperson shall preside at every meeting at which he is
24 present and in his absence, a member of the Council elected by the members
25 present from among their number shall preside;

26 (e) Questions before the Council shall be decided by a majority of the
27 members present and voting;

28 (f) The person presiding at a meeting of the Council shall in the event
29 of equality of votes have a second or casting vote;

30 (g) The Council may co-opt any person to act as an adviser at its

1 meetings but no co-opted person is entitled to vote at the meeting;

2 (h) The validity of the proceedings of the Council shall not be
3 affected by a vacancy among its members or by a defect in the appointment
4 or qualification of a member;

5 (i) Except as otherwise provided under this section, the Council
6 shall determine and regulate the procedure for its meetings.

7 **10.-(1)** A person may not be appointed as or remain a member of
8 the Council, as the case may be, if that person-

Disqualification
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of Council

9 (a) is an insolvent or becomes insolvent and the insolvency results
10 in the sequestration of that person's estate;

11 (b) has been convicted, in Nigeria or elsewhere, of theft, fraud,
12 forgery, perjury or any other offence involving corruption;

13 (c) has been convicted of any other offence, whether in Nigeria or
14 elsewhere; and

15 (d) has been, or is, removed from an office of trust on account of
16 misconduct in respect of fraud or the misappropriation of money.

17 (2) A member of the Council may be removed from office by the
18 President if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Council or Public
19 that the member should continue in that office.

20 (3) A member of the Council, other than an ex-officio, may resign
21 his appointment by a notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the
22 President.

23 (4) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, it
24 shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the
25 remainder of the term of office of his predecessor, so that the successor shall
26 represent the same interest and shall be appointed by the President.

27 **11.** As from the commencement of this Bill, the use of Nigerian
28 garment shall be prescribed for official uniforms of government officials
29 and employees throughout the Federation every Thursday of the week.

Regulations

30 **12.-(1)** In addition to day mentioned in the Section 12, the

1 President may by public notice appoint a special day to be kept as a Nigerian
2 Garment Day either throughout Nigeria or in any part thereof, and any day so
3 appointed shall be kept as a Nigerian Garment Day.

4 (2) Subject to Section 12 of this Bill and Subsection (1) of this
5 Section, the Governor of a State may by public notice appoint a special day to
6 be kept as a Nigerian Garment Day in the State concerned or in any part thereof,
7 and any day so appointed shall be kept as a Nigerian Garment Day.

8 (3) The use of "Nigerian Garment Day" in this section means a day
9 prescribed for Nigerian garment to be used as official uniforms of government
10 officials and employees.

Contraventions
and penalties

11 13.-(1) For contravention of any of the provisions of this Bill or the
12 rules made hereunder, the government official or employee shall pay a fine
13 which shall be up to one month of his/her basic salary; and

14 (2) The amount of fine shall be paid within fifteen days from the
15 receipt of the order, failing which fine of one per cent of the total payable
16 amount shall be levied each day till the fine is paid.

Interpretation

17 14. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires-
18 "Committee" means Garment Promotion Implementation Committee
19 established by Section 1 of this Bill.

20 "Compliance Team" means a team established by Section 4 of this Bill in
21 various Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government by the
22 Committee to ensure compliance to the use of Nigerian garment;

23 "Council" means Federal Advisory Council on Textiles and Clothing
24 established by Section 7 of this Bill.

25 "every Thursday of the week" means working Thursday of every week.

Short title

26 15. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Garment Promotion Bill,
27 2019.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to instill patriotism and nationalism among the public officials and employees, who shall promote the preferential use of Nigerian garments; adopt measures that help make the Nigeria's textile industry competitive and thus generate wider employment and greater benefits to the country.

