



NAFDAC RAISES TARIFFS, SUSPENDS SAME AFTER STAKEHOLDERS COMPLAINTS



The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) is the federal agency with regulatory authority to regulate and control the importation, exportation, manufacture, advertisement, distribution, sale and use of food, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, bottled water and chemicals in Nigeria.

Recently, NAFDAC announced a new tariff regime for the services rendered to its customers. The new tariff provided for increase in registration fees, clinical trial fees, facility and port inspection fees, laboratory analysis fees, permit issuance fees, investigation charges, and ancillary fees such as; fees for advertisement, change in brand name, change in variants, change of agencyship (local representatives), change of pack size, change in label and design, administrative approval fees, etc.

The proposed tariff was outrightly rejected by the public who expressed their displeasure at the fee spike; the lack of consultation and the sudden implementation of the new tariff. The proposed tariff entails up to 400% percent hike in registration cost on imported products which represents an increase from approximately USD\$3,443.00 to USD\$17,491.07.

If implemented, the total registration cost for the food category will include (i) Registration Fee of USD\$4,945.06, (ii) Laboratory Analysis Fee of USD\$672, (ii) Product Registration Certification Fee of USD\$885, and (iii) GMP Inspection Fee of USD\$10,989.01.

NAFDAC has now suspended the implementation of the proposed tariff increase. In its letter dated 19th June, NAFDAC confirmed the suspension of the proposed increase pending the outcome of its consultation with stakeholders.