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**This table summarises the general requirements and standards for food and agricultural imports into Nigeria.**

<b>Certification/ Requirements</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Regulatory body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC - <a href="http://www.nafdacnigeria.org">www.nafdacnigeria.org</a>) is the regulatory body responsible for food product manufacturing, importation, advertisement and distribution.</li><li>• No food can be imported without being registered by NAFDAC.</li></ul>
Registration for medicinal products or nutraceuticals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foods for special dietary uses with claims of disease prevention, treatment, mitigation, cure or diagnosis must comply with NAFDAC's guidelines for registration of drug (Guidelines for Registration of Imported Drug Products in Nigeria - <a href="http://www.nafdac.gov.ng/index.php/food/guidelines/doc_download/23-guidelines-for-registration-of-imported-drug-products-in-nigeria-nafdacrr00200">http://www.nafdac.gov.ng/index.php/food/guidelines/doc_download/23-guidelines-for-registration-of-imported-drug-products-in-nigeria-nafdacrr00200</a>)</li><li>• Labels must contain directions for safe usage (where necessary on the information panel or on the package insert)</li></ul>
Registration with NAFDAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please refer to the guidelines available at <a href="http://www.nafdac.gov.ng/index.php/food/guidelines">http://www.nafdac.gov.ng/index.php/food/guidelines</a></li><li>• Required Documentation:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Certificate of Incorporation of the representative company issued by the Corporate Affairs commission in Nigeria</li><li>- Evidence of Trade mark registration from the Federal Ministry of Commerce in Nigeria.</li><li>- Comprehensive Certificate of Analysis of the batch of product to be registered</li><li>- A letter of Invitation to inspect the factory abroad</li></ul></li></ul>
Certificate of Manufacture and Free Sale (could be one or two separate documents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Required for product registration with NAFDAC</li><li>• Evidence that the manufacturer is licensed to manufacture food for sale in the country of origin and that the sale of the product does not constitute a contravention of the food laws of that country</li><li>• Issued by the Competent Authority of the country of manufacture</li><li>• Has to be authenticated by the Nigerian Mission in that country (if N.A., any other Embassy/High Commission of any Commonwealth or West African country can authenticate)</li></ul>
Certificate of analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be provided to complete NAFDAC's product registration process</li><li>• Product licence or evidence of product registration in the country of origin must also be provided</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prove that the item is free of radioactive contents in addition to other quality parameters e.g. pesticides, contaminants</li> </ul>
Form 'M'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), for declaring the total value of the shipment</li> <li>• To be obtained from regional SCI offices overseas as well as Nigerian Embassies, Authorised Dealer Banks etc</li> <li>• The Form 'M' and relevant pro-forma invoice shall carry a proper description of the goods to be imported to facilitate price verification viz</li> <li>• Generic product name, i.e. product type, category</li> <li>• Mark or brand name of the product where applicable</li> <li>• Model name and or model or reference number where applicable</li> <li>• Description of the quality, grade, specification, capacity, size performance etc</li> <li>• Quantity and packaging and or packing</li> </ul>
Combined Certificate of Value and Origin (CCVO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contain the following details in addition to those on the pro-forma invoice:</li> <li>• Form "M" no.</li> <li>• Adequate description of goods</li> <li>• Port of destination (the actual port shall be specified e.g. Tin Can, Apapa, Kano, Onne, etc.)</li> <li>• Shipment identification, date of shipment, Country of Origin, Country of supply</li> </ul>
General Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents in respect of each import transaction shall carry the name of the product, country of origin, specifications, date of manufacture, batch or lot number, Standards to which the goods have been produced (e.g. Nigeria Standards-NIS, British Standards PD, ISO, IES, DIN (etc).</li> <li>• Please refer to the Nigerian Customs Service guidelines: <a href="http://www.customs.gov.ng/Guidelines/Destination_Inspection/guidelines.php">http://www.customs.gov.ng/Guidelines/Destination_Inspection/guidelines.php</a></li> </ul>
<b>Labeling</b>	
a) Declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product's brand/common name (in bold letters)</li> <li>• Manufacturer's name and address (showing country of origin)</li> <li>• Ingredient list in descending order (Spices, flavors and colors may be listed as such, without naming the specific material, but any artificial color or flavor should be identified as such.)</li> <li>• Net contents (specifying essential ingredients in metric weight for solids and metric volume for liquids)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fortifying matter added</li><li>• Batch number,</li><li>• Date of manufacture and best before/expiry date,</li><li>• Food additives and colors.</li><li>• NAFDAC registration number</li><li>• Need to specify the active ingredients, where applicable (for food, drinks, cosmetics, drugs, medical devices, chemicals)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- NAFDAC does not grant exceptions to labeling requirements</li></ul></li></ul>
b) Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Label in English. If it is in another language, an English translation must be shown on the label or package insert (where applicable)</li><li>• Stick-on labels permitted provided they don' t remove easily</li></ul>
c) Shelf life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A date of minimum durability must be identified on the label along with any special storage conditions.</li><li>• Expiry date should be at least half shelf life as a time of inspection, i.e. the period from the inspection date until the expiration date should be equal to or greater than half of the total shelf life of the product (date of production until expiry).</li></ul>
d) Date marking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Date before the month</li><li>• It is advised to specify the month in words (July 1, 2005 or indicate mm/dd/yr) to avoid conflicts that may arise in mistaking the day for the month.</li></ul>
e) Spices, flavours and colors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May be listed without specific names except artificial colour or flavor</li></ul>
f) Nutrition labelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only mandatory for food making nutrition/dietary claim</li><li>• The standard U.S. nutritional fact panel is acceptable</li></ul>
g) Irradiated foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be declared</li></ul>
<b>Other Information</b>	
Food additives and contaminant, pesticide residue and mycotoxin standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NAFDAC applies the food additive standards of the Codex, EU and FDA</li><li>• Potassium bromate as a bread improver is not permitted.</li></ul>
Biotechnology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Currently no laws regulating products of biotechnology</li><li>• A draft biosafety bill has been developed and will soon go for public debate. The draft bill advocates mandatory labeling of food items containing products of biotechnology</li></ul>
Pesticide and radioactive contaminants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Samples must be provided to NAFDAC for physical/ laboratory analysis and vetting (takes about 4-8weeks).</li><li>• The pesticide residue limits and mycotoxin standards of the Codex Alimentarius</li></ul>

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	Commission, EU and USDA are applied by NAFDAC in its assessment of food safety.
Non-nutritive sweetener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not allowed in food or beverage to be consumed by infants or children.</li><li>• Allowed in food or beverages for adult consumption when specified as "special dietary usage".</li></ul>
Wheat flour, vegetable oil and sugar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Require fortification with vitamin A.</li></ul>
Salt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be iodized</li></ul>

Reference: USDA FAS GAIN Report

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