

IMPORT (PROHIBITION) ACT

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IMPORT (PROHIBITION) ACT

An Act to provide for the prohibition of importation into Nigeria of certain food-stuffs especially those contaminated by toxic substances, and the penalty for the contravention of the said prohibition.

[1989 No. 36.]

[7th December, 1989]

[Commencement.]

1. **Prohibition of importation of certain goods**

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Customs, Excise Tariff, etc. (Consolidation) Act or in any Act or other enactment (including any statutory instrument or order), the goods specified in the Schedule to this Act shall be absolutely prohibited from being imported into Nigeria either by way of trade or otherwise.

[Cap. C49. Schedule.]

2. **Offences, penalty, etc.**

(1) Any person who brings, causes to be brought, induces any other person to bring or attempts to bring into Nigeria any of the goods specified in the Schedule to this Act shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment as stipulated in section 2 of the Export (Prohibition) Act.

[Cap. E22. Schedule.]

(2) In addition to the penalty specified in subsection (1) of this section-

(a) the goods, as well as any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other thing whatsoever used in connection with the importation;

(b) all the assets, movable or immovable, including motor vehicles, of any person convicted of the offence,

shall be forfeited to the Federal Government.

(3) Any customs officer or other person who aids, counsels, procures, or conspires with any other person to commit an offence under this section, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to the same punishment as prescribed for the offence under subsection (1) of this section.

(4) An offence committed under this Act shall be triable by the Federal High Court.

3. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Import (Prohibition) Act.

SCHEDULE

[Sections 1 and 2.]

Goods, the importation of which is absolutely prohibited

1. Meat (whether frozen or not).
2. Chicken (whether frozen or not).
3. Fish (whether frozen or not except those caught and landed by vessels licensed and authorised by the appropriate Nigerian Authority).
4. Expired food products (whether in can or any other packages).
5. All imported foodstuff items (including fruits and vegetables) for which the Minister of Health or the Director-General of the Federal Environmental Agency has issued a certificate of contamination with any toxic or nuclear substance or any other harmful waste as defined in the Harmful Waste (Special Criminal Provisions, etc.) Act.

[Cap. H1.]

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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

No Subsidiary Legislation