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Report Highlights:

Nigeria's food safety agency requires that all food, beverage, and feed products be registered, and foreign production facilities inspected before products can be imported into Nigeria. Product registration fees per imported product average about \$1,400, while foreign facility inspection fees average about \$12,000 per facility. This report outlines product registration and facility inspection fee schedules, and provides background on related administrative processes.

The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) was established as Nigeria's leading food safety agency under the [NAFDAC Act of 2004](#). The agency regulates and controls the import, export, distribution, and sale of processed foods (whether of plant or animal origin), beverages, pet food, and animal feed and premixes. It oversees packaging, labeling, facility registration, product registration, and ingredient, nutritional, and additive rules. For more information about Nigeria's food and agricultural import regulations and standards (FAIRS) see the [FAIRS country report](#) and [export certificate report](#).

Disclaimer: This report is for informational purposes. Fees subject to change. The final assessment of fees due for the registration of products and inspection of facilities are subject to NAFDAC's rules and regulations.

NAFDAC's Product Registration and Facility Inspection Fee Schedule

[NAFDAC's fee schedule](#), effective January 31, 2020, charges different fees depending on whether the product and facility are domestic or foreign (Tables 1 and 2). At its discretion, NAFDAC categorizes imported foods into two classes; Class 1 imported food products are those it determines can be manufactured in Nigeria. Class 2 imported food products cannot be manufactured in Nigeria, because the country has no production and/or manufacturing facilities. Companies exporting from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) are granted a 25 percent discount on all fees for imported products due to the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme agreement. To receive this discount, they must register with the ECOWAS Trade Desk.

Product Registration Fees

NAFDAC requires that all packaged or processed food, beverages, and feed products (regardless of country of origin) be fully registered before they can be sold in Nigeria. Once registered, a product receives a unique NAFDAC registration number. The estimated registration cost for one imported product ranges from \$1,343.67 for a Class 2 product to \$1,447.55 for a Class 1 product. The cost for registering a domestic product ranges from \$71.88 to \$79.78. Product variants (e.g., different flavors) cost an additional \$1,050 for each imported variant product registered. NAFDAC has sole discretion on determining if a given product is a variant or a wholly different product. Domestic product variants are charged the same fees as registering the main domestic products.

Imported product registration is valid for five years for all imported products. The imported product registration renewal fee is 80 percent of the value of the new product registration fee, plus value added tax (VAT). Domestic product registration is valid for five years for standard risk products, and two years for high-risk products. To renew domestic products, NAFDAC charges 80 percent of the registration and laboratory analysis fees, plus VAT.

Table 1. Registration Fees (Per Product)

	Imported Products		Domestic Products	
Fees	Class 1	Class 2	Small Scale	Medium/Large Scale
Application	\$1.84	\$1.84	\$1.84	\$1.84
cGMP certificate	\$14.71	\$14.71	\$14.71	\$14.71
New Registration ¹ (per product)	\$1,350.00	\$1,252.00	\$22.06	\$29.41
Laboratory Analysis	N/A	N/A	\$29.41	\$29.41
7.5% VAT ²	\$81.00	\$75.12	\$3.86	\$4.41
Estimated Cost (per product)	\$1,447.55	\$1,343.67	\$71.88	\$79.78
Registration Renewal	\$1,161.00/5 years	\$1,076.72/5 years	\$44.26/2 or 5 years	\$50.58/2 or 5 years

Sources: *NAFDAC Approved Tariff* and OAA-Lagos analyses; N1,360 to \$USD 1 exchange rate

Facility³ Inspection Fees

NAFDAC requires that all facilities producing packaged or processed food, beverages, and feed products (regardless of country of origin) be fully inspected before their products can be sold in Nigeria. Facility registration fees include inspection fees and VAT (Table 2). The total facility registration cost for imported products is \$11,813.19 per facility. Registering a domestic product requires the same inspection fee and VAT, with the total facility registration cost ranging from \$23.71 to \$31.62 “per line⁴.”

NAFDAC must inspect these facilities in person. Both the facility inspection and product registration must be completed before a shipment may enter Nigeria. However, NAFDAC can choose to postpone the facility inspection and proceed with product registration by relying on a valid, recognized safety certification of the facility. This exception does not apply to certain high-risk products, such as foods for infants and young children, which require inspection before product registration can proceed.

Domestic facilities are reinspected after the expiration of the NAFDAC registration license which can be two or five years depending on the risk categorization. NAFDAC charges 80 percent of the total facility registration fee to reinspect a domestic production line every two or five years. For example, domestic facilities producing yogurt are categorized as high-risk products and issued licenses valid for 2 years.

¹ The new registration fee has three components: the import permit, the processing fee, and the certificate fee.

² For imported products, VAT is charged on the processing fee which is 80% of the value of the total registration fee. For domestic products, VAT is charged on the sum of registration and laboratory analysis fees.

³ NAFDAC also refers to a “facility” as a “site.”

⁴ For domestic facilities, NAFDAC charges facility registration fees by “line,” i.e., a manufacturing line.

Foreign facilities are reinspected once every five years, and NAFDAC charges \$11,813.19 for reinspection during renewal of product registration.

Table 2. Facility Inspection Fees

	Imported Products		Domestic Products	
Fees	Class 1	Class 2	Small Scale	Medium/Large Scale
Inspection	\$10,989.01	\$10,989.01	\$22.06	\$29.41
7.5% VAT	\$824.18	\$824.18	\$1.65	\$2.21
Total	\$11,813.19/facility	\$11,813.19/facility	\$23.71/line	\$31.62/line
Renewal	\$11,813.19/5 years	\$11,813.19/5 years	\$18.97/2 or 5 years	\$25.30/ 2 or 5 years

Sources: [NAFDAC Approved Tariff](#) and OAA-Lagos analyses; N1,360 to \$USD 1 exchange rate

Global Listing of Supermarket Items (GLSI)

To facilitate smaller volumes of imported products, NAFDAC introduced the [Global Listing for Supermarket Items](#) guidelines in 2003 “to allow for the importation of specific NAFDAC regulated products (food and cosmetics items) subject to meeting established conditions or requirements.” Items imported under the GLSI are allowed to enter Nigeria in limited quantities without the mandatory NAFDAC product registration or facility/site inspections. NAFDAC issues GLSI licenses to certified supermarket operators and other eligible “specific entities” after they have paid the prescribed annual fees (Table 3). The products that enter under the GLSI must be sold to consumers or directly consumed by the importing entity and may not be resold to distributors. Imports are limited to “2,500 cartons” per product, per year.

Table 3. NAFDAC Fees for GLSI License

No of Items	Annual Registration Fee	7.5% VAT	Total
1 to 100	\$1,103	\$83	\$1,186
101 to 250	\$2,426	\$182	\$2,608
251 to 500	\$5,147	\$386	\$5,533
501 to 1000	\$8,824	\$662	\$9,486
1001 - 5000	\$14,706	\$1,103	\$15,809

Sources: [GLSI guidelines](#) and OAA-Lagos analysis using N1,360 to \$1 exchange rate

Who Pays the Fees

For imported products, the importing company registered in Nigeria formally pays NAFDAC's product registration and foreign facility inspection fees. However, industry contacts have indicated that, in some cases, importers and exporters informally negotiate how these costs are shared.

Attachments:

No Attachments.