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FIRE SERVICE ACT**FIRE SERVICE REGULATIONS, 2019**

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 15 of the Fire Service Act Cap. F29 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, **LT GEN ABDULRAHMAN B. DAMBAZAU (RTD)**, the Honourable Minister of Interior, make the following Regulations—

[21st Day of February, 2019]

Commence-
ment.**PART I—OBJECTIVE AND APPLICATION**

1. The objectives of these Regulations are to—

Objective.

(a) prevent uncontrolled fires in our environment, especially our markets, public and private buildings and structures and reduce the incidence of loss of lives and property ;

(b) enhance response capabilities of the Fire Services and strengthen the regulatory and revenue generation potentials of government as it relates to the distribution and maintenance of fire protection equipment ; and

(c) promote inter-agency collaboration in the distribution and maintenance of fire protection equipment in order to minimize fire incidences.

2. Without prejudice to other relevant Acts or Regulations, these Regulations shall apply throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Application.

PART II—ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

3. No fire alarm or extinguisher shall be—

Prohibition
of
unauthorised
smoke
detector and
fire
extinguisher.

(a) sold by the road side ;

(b) sold by unregistered vendor ;

(c) transported by an unauthorized Shipping Agent ;

(d) imported by unauthorized National Fire Data Repository Center (NFDRC) major Dealer ; or

(e) imported through any port aside the Onne port or any other port as may from time to time be determined by the Nigerian Customs Service.

4.—(1) Every vendor shall—

Certification
of fire
extinguisher,
smoke
detector and
fire alarm
devices.

(a) register at National Fire Data Repository Center (NFDRC), obtain operation and product code and be trained to enable them commence recertification of existing fire extinguisher ;

(b) secure Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON) product certification code ; and

(c) display Government approved fire extinguishers and smoke detector on Federal Fire Service E-commerce platform.

(2) All smoke detector and fire alarm devices shall comply with the National Fire Data Repository Center (NFDRC) Fire Alert System Monitoring (FASM) application standard.

(3) The Federal Government, all state and Federal Capital Territory (FCT) shall each charge an administrative fee of ₦100.00 for NFDRC Product security protection, E-commerce sub-charge and Vendor marketing support of major dealer product arrival broadcast for fire alarm and extinguisher device.

Inter-Agency collaboration.

5. For the effective implementation of these Regulations, the—

(a) Federal Fire Service shall organize a joint task force made up of the Nigeria Police, Federal Fire Service, Standard Organization of Nigeria, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Nigerian Custom Service, Federal Road Safety Commission, and Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, which shall be inaugurated by Honourable Minister of Interior ; and

(b) National Orientation Agency shall be integrated to ensure effective enlightenment of the public.

Offences and penalties.

6.—(1) Every vehicle and premise shall be fitted with smoke detector and fire extinguishers approved by Government.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on conviction to the penalty stipulated under the Act or any relevant law or regulations.

PART III—MISCELLANEOUS

Interpretation.

7. In these Regulations—

“Act” means the Fire Service Act Cap. F29 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 ; and

“other relevant Acts” includes Fire Service Act, National Fire Safety Code, Standard Organization of Nigeria Act, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act, Police Act, Federal Road Safety Commission Act and Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps Act.

Citation.

8. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Service Regulations, 2019.

MADE at Abuja this 21st day of February, 2019.

LT. GEN. ABDULRAHMAN B. DAMBAZAU (RTD)
Honourable Minister of Interior

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of these Regulations
but intends to explain its purports)*

These Regulations provides for a framework for the prevention of uncontrolled fire, regulate the use of fire extinguishers and smoke detector in order to protect lives and property and increase the revenue of the government.