



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 22 November, 2018

1. The House met at 11.27 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 21 November, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**

- (a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of **Whiteplains British School**, Jabi, Abuja;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of **Tovicas Global Academy**, Dakwa, Niger State;
 - (iii) Staff and Students of **Potter's-Field Academy**, Gwagwalada, Abuja; and
 - (iv) Leadership of **National Association of Nigerian Students**.

- (b) **Defection:**

Mr Speaker read communications from the following Members:

- (i) Hon. Mukaila Olayiwola Kazzim (*Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to Allied Peoples' Movement (APM);
 - (ii) Hon. Ahmed Abu (*Mokwa/Lavun/Edati Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to Social Democratic Party (SDP); and
 - (iii) Hon. Stephen Friday Olemija (*Akoko North East/Akoko North West Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to Action Alliance (AA).

(c) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Expenditure and Implementation of the \$22 Billion Brass LNG Project (HR. 200/05/2018):***

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the *Ad-hoc* Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Jerome Amadi Eke | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Linda Chuba Ikpeazu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Odeneye Kehinde Olusegun | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Badamasi Ayuba Danbatta | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Zakari Angulu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Buba Yakubu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Betty Apiafi | — | <i>Member</i> |

4. **Petition**

A petition from PC Gambo Dauda, seeking for reinstatement into the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Shehu Garba (*Jema'a/Sanga Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**

Need to Investigate the Death of Offa Robbery Principal Suspect

Hon. Zakari Mohammed (*Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Investigate the Death of Offa Robbery Principal Suspect

The House:

Notes the shocking disclosure by the Police that Michael Adikwu, the principal suspect in the bank robbery that occurred in Offa, Kwara State on Thursday, 5 April, 2018 is dead;

Aware that the Police initially confirmed to the Attorney-General of Kwara State through the Police Public Relations Officer, Moshood Jimoh that the principal suspect was alive and in custody helping the Police in the investigations of the robbery in which 22 people were killed;

Concerned that it took the Police so long to make the disclosure about the death of the principal suspect after denying its veracity as was reported in the media;

Worried that there have been inconsistencies in the various statements by the Police and a possible cover up of this extra-judicial killing with the aim of tarnishing the image of some innocent individuals for political purposes;

Cognizant that the fundamental duty of the Police is to protect lives and property of all citizens irrespective of political affiliation;

Also aware that it is the constitutional duty of the House to take action wherever such level of irresponsibility and recklessness of an important law enforcement agency such as the Police have arisen in the course of investigations into a vicious crime;

Resolves to mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Human Rights, and Justice to:

- (i) carry out an investigative hearing into the facts surrounding the time and circumstances of the death of the suspect and report back in four (4) weeks;
- (ii) uncover the issues and questions as to when the suspect died, how he died, why the Police is covering up the facts of his death and at what point the Police authority discovered his death; and
- (iii) unravel issues of human rights abuse, extra-judicial killings and manipulation of a criminal investigation by the Police (*Hon. Zakari Mohammed — Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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- (iii) unravel issues of human rights abuse, extra-judicial killings and manipulation of a criminal investigation by the Police (**HR. 85/11/2018**).

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Unlawful Composition of Local Government Area Councils (Prohibition) Bill, 2018 (HB.1568).

- (2) Federal College of Education, Ekiadolor (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1569).
- (3) National Assembly Service Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1570).

7. Presentation of Reports

(i) Ad-hoc Committee on Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Failure of the Ajaokuta Steel Company to commence Operations fully since inception (HR. 78/2018)" (Hon. Femi Gbajabamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Television Authority Act, Cap. N136, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB.1137)" (Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Display and Use of the National Flag, certain Flags and National Coat of Arms Act, Cap. F30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 993)" (Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. Consolidation of Bills:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Identity Management Commission Act, Cap. N54, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to, among other things, delete the Provisions of Section 5 (o), and Stipulate a time limit for the Issuance of the Permanent National Identity Card; and for Related Matters (HB. 821), a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Identity Management Commission Act, Cap. N54, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Procedure and Principles to be followed by persons collecting Personal Data in an Electronic Form, for Processing and Protection of Privacy in a framework that will guarantee and regulate Digital Data Privacy and Protection of Individual or Organized Private Sector and Provide a Mechanism for Collection, Processing, Retention, Disclosure, Destruction, Usage and Treatment of the Digital Data in Nigeria, to Protect the Legal interest of affected persons in Collection and Usage; and for Related Matters (HB. 1471), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Identity Management Commission Act, Cap. N54, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for Recapture, Revalidation and Reissuance of a new National Identity Card to those that were so captured before attaining the age of 18 years and to remove the expiring date on the National Identity Card; and for Related Matters (HB. 1511) be now consolidated (Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Holidays Act, Cap. P40, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to bring the Act in tandem with the current realities and exigencies of the modern times and to declare June, 12 as Democracy Day in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 918 and HB. 1529) — Second Reading**

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Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Dogon Daji, Sokoto State and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1560) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Dogon Daji, Sokoto State and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1560) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki — Kebbe/Tambuwal Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services.

11. **A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Securitization, Transactions and the Issuance of Asset-backed Securities; and for Related Matters (HB. 1462) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make Provision for Securitization, Transactions and the Issuance of Asset-backed Securities; and for Related Matters (HB. 1462) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Jones Chukwudi Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Banking and Currency, and Capital Market and Institutions.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Bureau of Military Veterans Affairs and to make Provisions for the Benefits and Welfare of Military Veterans and their Dependents; and for Related Matters (HB. 1070) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. Need to Check the Use of Chemicals Dangerous to Human Health in the Preservation of Food for Sale to the Public

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. A Call on the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) to Wade into the Matter of 'Money-Women' in Bechev Community in Obanliku Local Government Area of Cross River State

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. Consideration of Reports

(i) **Committees on Finance, Housing and Urban Development and Regional Planning:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Finance, Housing and Urban Development and Regional Planning on the Alleged Non-Remittance of ₦5.6 Billion by the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Ibrahim Babangida — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"That the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria should with immediate effect settle the agreed outstanding liability of ₦32,894,385.63" (Hon. Ibrahim Babangida — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) and Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) should resume reconciliation of the disputed amount of ₦74,064,335.09 as claimed by Federal Inland Revenue Service. (Hon. Ibrahim Babangida — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committees on Finance, Housing, and Urban Development and Regional Planning on the Alleged Non-Remittance of ₦5.6 Billion by the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii) of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Ondo; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1539) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Ondo; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1539) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ADEYEMI
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, ONDO; AND FOR
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 1539)**

Consideration deferred.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole and deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Ondo; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1539).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

- (iii) ***A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Education, Zaria; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1536) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Education, Zaria; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1536) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITY
OF EDUCATION, ZARIA; AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 1536)**

Consideration deferred.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole and deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Education, Zaria; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1536).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

- (iv) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria to Promote, advance and develop the application of Polymer Science Engineering and Technology in the Polymer and Allied Industries in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1029) (Committee of the Whole):**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria to Promote, advance and develop the application of Polymer Science Engineering and Technology in the Polymer and Allied Industries in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1029) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHARTERED POLYMER INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1029)

Clause 1: Establishment of the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria.

- (1) There is established a body to be known as the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria (in this Bill, referred to as the Institute).
- (2) The Institute shall —
 - (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) Subject to the Land Use Act, the Institute may hold, acquire and dispose of any movable or immovable property (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Objectives of the Bill.

The objectives of the Bill are to —

- (a) promote, advance and develop the application of Polymer Science and Technology in the Polymer and Allied Industries in Nigeria and elsewhere;

- (b) act as a professional body in promoting the professional integrity and status of all persons engaged in polymer Science, and technology by prescribing standard of experience and efficiency as essential to the election of members thereby conferring upon them a recognized status by virtue of membership of institute;
- (c) encourage, advance, disseminate knowledge, education, practical training and research into the profession;
- (d) improve and elevate the technical and general knowledge of Polymer science, and technology through the delivery of lectures and holding of classes, and to conduct examinations in collaboration and with approval from relevant Government Institutions and agencies, and to award certificates, scholarships, grants, rewards and other benefactors;
- (e) collaborate with relevant government agencies, for the accreditation of manpower training programmes in Polymer science;
- (f) disseminate among its members, information on all matters affecting Polymer science, and technology and to print, publish, issue and circulate periodicals, books, circulars and other literary material as may seem conducive to the attainment of any of these objects (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Functions of the Institute.

Without prejudice to section 1 of this Bill, it shall be the duty of the Institute to:

- (a) determine what standards of knowledge and skills are to be obtained by persons seeking to become members of Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria, improving those standards from time to time as circumstances may permit;
- (b) secure, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the establishment and maintenance of a register of members of the profession and the publication from time to time of the list of those persons (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Membership.

- (1) Membership of the Institute shall be open to all Persons aged Eighteen (18) years and above, who are of Nigerian origin and from other parts of the world and are interested in the aims and objectives of the institute may be an individual in research.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, persons admitted to membership of the Institute shall be registered as Members of the Institute in the category of:
 - (i) Honorary fellows;
 - (ii) Fellows;
 - (iii) Members;
 - (iv) Associates;

- (v) Graduate;
- (vi) Professional Grade 1, Technician and Higher Diploma Grades;
- (vii) Corporate; and
- (viii) Students (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Establishment of the Governing Council.

- (1) There shall be established for the Institute, a Governing Council (in this Bill, referred to as "the Council") which shall be charged with the responsibility of administration and general management of the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) the President of the Institute, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Vice President of the Institute, who shall be the Vice Chairman;
 - (c) a Director from the Ministry of Science and technology;
 - (d) Director Engineering Ministry of Science and technology;
 - (e) past Presidents of the Institute who shall be entitled to serve on the Council for a maximum period of 3 years from the expiration of their term of office as President of the Institute;
 - (f) 2 persons to represent institutions of higher learning in Nigeria offering courses leading to approved qualifications in Polymer science to be appointed by the institute;
 - (g) the Registrar of the Institute who shall be the Secretary to the Council (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Election of President and Vice President.

- (1) There shall be a President and Vice President of the Institute, who shall be Fellows of the Institute, to be elected by the Council who shall hold office each for a term of three (3) years from the date of election.
- (2) The President shall be the Chairman at the meetings of the Institute, so however that in the event of death, incapacity or inability, for any reason of the President, the Vice President shall act on his behalf for the unexpired portion of the term of the office.
- (3) If the President or Vice President cease to be a member of the Institute, they Ipso facto cease to hold any of the offices designated under this Section (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 7: Funds of the Institute.

- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a Fund for the Institute.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited into the Fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) all fees and other moneys payable to the Council in pursuant of this Bill; and
 - (b) such moneys as may be provided by the Federal Government to the Council by way of grant, loan or otherwise.
- (3) There shall be paid out of the fund of the Institute:
 - (a) all expenditure incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Bill;
 - (b) the remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and other staff of the Institute; and
 - (c) such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowances of Members of the Council.
- (4) The Council may invest moneys in any security created or issued by or on behalf of Government of the Federation or in any other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the Council.
- (5) The Council may from time to time raise and give security for money by the issue of or upon bonds, debentures, debenture stocks, Bill exchange, Promissory notes or other obligations or securities of the company or by mortgage or charge upon all or any of the property of the Institute.
- (6) The Council shall keep proper accounts on behalf of the Institute in respect of each year and proper records in relation to these accounts; and the Council shall cause the accounts to be audited by an Auditor appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor General of the Federation.
- (7) The income and property of the Institute shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects so set out in the Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly as dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to members of the Institute, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment of remuneration to any officer or servant actually rendered to the Institute or prevent the payment of interest at the rate not exceeding five percent per annum on money rent, reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any Member to the Institute or any officer of the Institute paid by fees, and that no remuneration or other benefit in money shall be given by the Institute to any member of such body repayment of out of pocket expenses and interest at the rate aforesaid or reasonable.
- (8) The auditor appointed for the purpose of this section shall not be a Member of the Council.

- (9) The Council shall prepare and submit to the Minister of Science and Technology not later than twelve months after its establishment and once in each year thereafter a report on the activities of the Council in the last preceding years and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Council for that year and of the auditor's report thereon.
- (10) If upon the Winding up or dissolution of the Institute, there remain, after the satisfaction of all its debt and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Institute, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having object similar to the objects of the institute, to be determined by the Council at or before the time of dissolution, or in default thereof by a Judge of the Federal High Court. Services, education, technical development, quality control or production work employment, manufacturing, sale or improvement of finished products or new materials of polymer nature such as plastics, rubber and printing inks, adhesives, pulp and paper packaging and related industries (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART III — APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR AND PREPARATION OF THE REGISTER

Clause 8: Appointment of Registrar and Preparation of the Register.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Council to appoint:
- (a) a fit and proper person who shall be a member of the Institute and must have 10 years' experience in Polymer Science and Technology to be registered for the purpose of this Bill; and
 - (b) such other persons as the Institute may, from time to time think necessary.
- (2) The Registrar shall in addition to his other functions under this Bill be the Secretary to the Council and shall on instruction of the President or the Councilor of any committee thereof convene meetings of the council or of any Committee thereof and keep minutes of the proceedings at all such meetings as the case may be.
- (3) The Council may, whenever the Registrar is absent or for any other reason, unable to discharge the functions of his office, appoint an acting Registrar who shall have the same qualification referred to in subsection (1) of this section, discharge those functions.
- (4) The Registrar and other staff of the Institute shall hold office on such conditions as the Council may determine (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 9: Registration of Members.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain in accordance with the rules made by the Council, a register of names, address and approve qualifications and such other particulars as may be specified by the rules, of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Bill to be registered as members of the profession.

- (2) The register shall consist of 8 parts of which:
 - (a) the First Part shall be in respect of Honorary Fellows;
 - (b) the Second Part shall be in respect of Fellows;
 - (c) the Third Part shall be in respect of Members;
 - (d) the Fourth Part shall be in respect of Associates;
 - (e) the Fifth Part shall be in respect of Graduates;
 - (f) the Sixth Part shall be in respect of Professionals;
 - (g) the Seventh Part shall be in respect of Corporate Bodies;
 - (h) the Eighth Part shall be in respect of Students.
- (3) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the Council may make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the register and the making of the entries therein and in particular:
 - (a) regulating the making of applications for registration and providing evidence in support of such applications;
 - (b) providing for the notification to the Registrar, by the person to whom any registered particulars relate, of any change in those particulars;
 - (c) specifying the fees, including any annual subscription to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names in the register, and authorizing the Registrar to refuse to enter a name on the register until any fees specified for the entry have been paid.
- (4) Any rules made for the purpose of paragraph (c) of subsection 3 of this section shall not come into force until they are confirmed at the special meeting of the Institute.
- (5) It shall be the duty of the Registrar:
 - (a) to correct in accordance with the directions of the Council, any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the opinion of the Council on entry which was incorrectly made;
 - (b) to make from time to time any necessary alteration to the register particulars of registered persons;
 - (c) to record the names of members of the Institute who are in default for more than 6 months in the payment of annual subscriptions, and to take such action in relation thereto (including removal of the names of defaulters from the register) as the council may direct or require.
- (6) If the register:

- (a) send to any registered person a letter addressed to him at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within the period of 6 months from the date of posting it; and
 - (b) upon the expiration of that period sends in the like manner to the person in question a second letter and receives no reply to that letter within 3 months from the date of posting it.
- (7) The Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register provided that the council may, for any reason which seems to it sufficient, direct the registrar to restore the appropriate part of the register any particulars removed therefrom under this subsection (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 10: Publication of Register and List of Corrections.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar:
- (a) to cause the register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public not later than 2 years from the coming into force of this Bill;
 - (b) in each year after that in which a register is first published under paragraph (a) of this subsection, to cause to be printed, published and put on sale as aforesaid, either a corrected edition of the register or list of alterations made to the register since it was last printed; and
 - (c) to cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the institute, and it shall be the duty of the council to keep the register, and list so deposited available at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the public.
- (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of a register published under this section by authority of the Registrar or documents to be print of an edition of a register so published and of a list of corrections to that edition so published, shall (without prejudice to any other proof) be admissible in any proceeding as evidence that any person specified in the document or documents read together, as being registered is so registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections as the case may be, and that any person not so specified was not so registered.
- (3) Where in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, a person in any proceeding, shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, shall unless the contrary is proved be taken for the purposes of the proceeding as having at all material times thereafter continued to be or not to be so registered (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART IV — REGISTRATION OF CHARTERED MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION

Clause 11: Registration of Chartered Members of the Profession.

- (1) Subject to Section 10 of this Bill and to rules made under section 8 of this Bill, a person shall be entitled to be registered as a member of the profession if:
- (a) he passes the qualifying examination for registration recognized or conducted by the council under this Bill and complete the practical training prescribed; or
 - (b) he held a qualification granted and for the time being accepted by the institute and satisfied the council that he has sufficient practical experience as a member of the profession.
- (2) An application for registration under this Bill shall in addition to evidence of qualification satisfy the council that:
- (a) he is of good Character (fit and proper person);
 - (b) he had attained the age of 21;
 - (c) he has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud or dishonestly.
- (3) The Council may in its sole discretion, provisionally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application to register under this section, or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.
- (4) Any entry directed to be made in the register under subsection (3) of this section, shall show the registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration without the consent of the Council, signified in writing in that behalf.
- (5) The Council shall from time to time, publish in the Federal Gazette particulars of qualification for the time being acceptable for registration by the Institute (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 11 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 12: Approval of Qualification.

- (1) The Council may approve any institution for the purpose of this Bill and may for that purpose approve:
- (a) any course of training at any approved institution which is intended for persons seeking to become or are already administrators and which the Council considers is designed to confer on persons completing it sufficient knowledge and skills for admission into the Institute; and

- (b) any qualification which as a result of examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council under this section is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination, indicating in the opinion of the Council that the candidate has sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of the profession.
- (2) The Council, may, if it thinks fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution but before withdrawing such an approval the Council shall:
 - (a) give notice that it proposes to do so to persons in Nigeria appearing to the council to be persons by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled as the case may be;
 - (b) afford each such person an opportunity of making to the Council presentations with regards to the proposal; and
 - (c) take into consideration any representation made as respect to the proposal in pursuance of paragraph (b) of this section.
- (3) As respect to any period during which the approval of the council under this section for a course qualification or institution is withdrawn, the course of qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved under this section but the withdrawal of such an approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who by virtue of the approval, was registered or eligible for registration immediately before the approval was withdrawn.
- (4) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have effect from such date either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the council may specify in the instrument and the council shall:
 - (a) as soon as may be, publish a copy of every such instrument in the Federal Gazette; and
 - (b) not later than 7 days before its publication send a copy of the instrument to the Minister (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 12 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 13: Supervision of Instruction.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the members of the Council to keep themselves informed of the nature of:
 - (a) the instructions given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training; and
 - (b) the examination as a result of which approved qualifications are granted, and for the purposes of performing that duty the Council may appoint, either from among its members or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions or observe such examinations.

- (2) It shall be the duty of the person appointed under subsection (1) of this section report to the Council on:
- (a) the sufficiency or otherwise of the instructions given to persons attending the approved courses of training at the institutions visited by him;
 - (b) the adequacy or otherwise of the examinations conducted at any institution inspected by him; and
 - (c) any other matter relating to the institution or examinations on which the council may, either generally or in a particular case, request him to report. But the person shall not interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of any examination.
- (3) On receiving a report made in pursuance of this section, as the Council may think fit and shall, if so required by the institution send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the institution or responsible for the examination to which the report relates, requesting that person to make observation or report to the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, not being more than 1 month beginning with the date of the request (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 13 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 14: Supervision of Examination.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12 of this Bill, it shall be the duty of the National Board for Technical Education (in this Bill, referred to as the Board) to supervise the Institutes examinations and for the purpose of performing that duty, the Board may appoint its officials to review the Institutes examination question papers and students' answers scripts before the examination is released.
- (2) The Director of the Board shall be a joint signatory to the certificate awarded by the Institute (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 15: Qualification for Membership.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of section 10 of this Bill, membership of the institute shall be open to all persons aged (18) years and above, who are interested in the aims and objects of the institute.
- (2) The person shall be an individual engaged in research, services, education, technical development, quality control or production, work employment of finished products or raw materials of Polymer nature such as plastics, rubber, paints, and printing inks, adhesive, pulp and paper packaging and related industries (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 15 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART V — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

• **Clause 16: Establishment of Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel.**

- (1) There shall be established a body to be known as Chartered Polymer Institute Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as the Tribunal) which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the panel established under subsection (3) of this section, and any other case of which the tribunal has cognizance under the following provisions of this Bill.
- (2) The tribunal shall consist of the president of the council and 6 (six) other members of the council appointed by the council.
- (3) There shall be a body to be known as Chartered Polymer Institute Investigating Panel (in this decree referred to as the Panel) which shall be charged with the duty of:
 - (a) conducting a preliminary Investigation into any case when it is alleged that a member of the profession has misbehaved in his capacity as such a member should for any reason be the subject of proceedings before the Tribunal;
 - (b) deciding whether the case should be referred to the Tribunal; and
 - (c) submitting a report on any action taken in the past to the Tribunal.
- (4) The Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of 2 Members of the Council and one member of the profession who is not a member of the Council.
- (5) The provision of schedule 2 to this Bill shall so far as they are applicable to the tribunal and panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies.
- (6) The Council may make rules not inconsistent with this Bill as to acts which constitute professional misconduct (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 16 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 17: Penalties for Unprofessional Conducts.

- (1) Where:
 - (c) a person registered under this Bill is adjudged by the tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect;
 - (d) a person registered under this Bill is convicted by any Court of competent jurisdiction which in the opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a member of the profession; and
 - (e) the tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered.
- (2) The tribunal if it thinks fit, defer its decision as to the giving of direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the tribunal.

- (3) No decision of the tribunal shall be deferred under subsection (2) of this section for periods exceeding 1 year in the aggregate.
- (4) As far as possible no person shall be a member of the Tribunal for the purposes of reaching a decision which has been deferred or further deferred, unless he was present as a member of the Tribunal when the decision was deferred.
- (5) For the purpose of subsection (1) of this section, a person shall not be treated as convicted unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.
- (6) When the Tribunal gives a direction under subsection (1) of this section, the Tribunal shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.
- (7) The person to whom such a direction relates may at any time within 28 days from the day of service on him of the direction appeal against the direction to the Federal High Court and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of enabling directions to give as to cost of the appeal and of proceedings before the Tribunal.
- (8) A direction of the Tribunal given under subsection (1) of this section shall take effect where:
- (a) no appeal under this section is brought against the decision, within the time limited for such an appeal, or an expiration of that time;
 - (b) such an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of diligent prosecution, or on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal; or
 - (c) such an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out as afore said, if and when the appeal is dismissed.
- (9) A person whose name is removed from the register in pursuance of a direction of the Tribunal under this section shall not be entitled to be registered again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Tribunal on the application of that person.
- (10) A direction under this section for the removal of a person's name from the register, may prohibit an application under subsection (9) of this section by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction (and where he has duly made such an application from the date of his last application) or as may specify in the direction (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok - Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 17 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART VI — APPLICATION OF THE ACT TO UNREGISTERED PERSONS

Clause 18: Application of the Act to Unregistered Persons.

- (1) Any person not being a member of the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria who but for this Bill would have been qualified to apply for the membership of the Institute, may within a period of 3 months from the commencement of this Bill, apply for the membership of this Institute in such a manner, as may be specified by the Council.
- (2) Where an application under subsection (1) of this section is approved by the Council, the applicant shall be enrolled or registered, as the case may be, according to his qualification (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 18 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 19: When Persons are Deemed to Practice as Chartered Members of the Profession.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a person shall be deemed to practice as Chartered members of the profession, if in consideration of remuneration received or to receive, whether by himself or in partnership with any person:
 - (a) engages himself in the practice of the profession or hold himself out to the public as a member of the profession;
 - (b) renders any other services or assistance in or about matter of principle or detail relating to the profession; or
 - (c) renders any other service which may by regulations made by the council with the approval of the Minister, be designated as service consulting practice as Chartered member of the profession.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to apply to persons who while in the employment of any government, are required under the terms or in the course of such employment to perform the duties or any of the duties of the profession (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 19 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 20: Rules as to Practice.

- (1) The council may make rules for:
 - (c) the training with registered members of the profession or suitable persons in Polymer Science engineering and technology method, and
 - (d) the supervision and regulation of engagement, training and transfer of such person.
- (2) The council may also make rules:
 - (a) prescribing the amount and date for payment of the annual subscription and for such purpose, different amounts may be prescribed by the rules according to whether the Member of the Institute is a Fellow, Honorary Fellow, Member, Associate, Graduate, Professional Grade, Corporate and Students or Retired Members;

- (b) prescribing the form of license to practice to be issued annually or if the Council thinks fit, by endorsement on an existing license;
 - (c) restricting the right to practice as a member of the profession in default of payment of the annual subscription where the default of payment of the annual subscription continues for longer than such period as may be prescribed by the rules;
 - (d) restricting the right to practice as a member of the profession if the qualification granted outside Nigeria does not entitle the holder to practice as a member of the profession; and
 - (e) prescribing the practical training in the office of a chartered member of the profession in practice to be completed before a person qualifies for a license to practice as a member of the profession.
- (3) Rules when made shall if the Chairman of the Council so direct, be published in the Federal Gazette (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 20 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 21: Provision of Library Facilities.

The Institute shall:

- (a) provide and maintain a library comprising books and publications for the promotion and advancement of knowledge of polymer science and such other books and publications as the Council may think necessary for the purpose; and
- (b) encourage research into industrial polymer science and such other area of study as the Council may deem appropriate (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 21 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 22: Powers of the Minister to Give Directives to the Council.

The Minister may give to the Council directives of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any person or case) with regards to the exercise by the Council of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with the directives (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 22 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 23: Regulations.

- (1) Any Regulations made under this Bill shall be published in the Federal Gazette as soon as they are made and a copy of such Regulations shall be sent to the Minister not later than 7 days before they are so published.
- (2) Rules made for the purpose of this Bill, shall be subject to confirmation by the Institute at the next general meeting or at any special meeting of the Institute convened for that purpose, and if annulled, shall cease to have effect on the day of such annulment but without prejudice to anything done in pursuance of any such rules (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 23 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 24: Offences and Penalties.

- (1) Any person who for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matters —
 - (a) makes a statement which he believes to be false in a material particular; or
 - (b) recklessly makes a statement, which is false in a material particular commits an offence.
- (2) After the coming into force of this Bill, any person who has not been a member of the Institute, who practices or holds himself out to practice as a member of the Institute, in expectation of reward or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description, implying that he is in practice as a member of the profession, commits an offence.
- (3) In case of a person who falls within section 18 of this Bill:
 - (a) the provision of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply in respect of anything done by him during the period of 3 months mentioned in that section; and
 - (b) if within that period, he duly applies for membership of the Institute and he is notified that his application has not been approved, the provision of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date on which he is registered or is notified, as aforesaid.
- (4) The Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Institute, who willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, commits an offence.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to:
 - (a) to a fine not exceeding ₦1,000.00;
 - (b) to a fine not exceeding ₦5,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (6) Where an offence under this section has been committed by a body corporate and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or attributable to any neglect on the part of any Director, Manager, Secretary, or other Officer of the Body Corporate, shall be deemed to have committed that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok Jos South Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 24 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART VII — TRANSFER TO THE INSTITUTE OF CERTAIN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Clause 25: Transfer to the Institute of Certain Assets and Liabilities.

- (1) On the commencement of this Bill:

- (a) all assets and liabilities held or incurred immediately before that day by or on behalf of the incorporated Institute shall by virtue of this Bill and without any further assurances, vest in the Institute and be held by it for the purpose of the Institute;
 - (b) the incorporated Institute shall cease to exist; and
 - (c) any act or thing made or done by the Institute shall be deemed to have been made or done by the institute.
- (2) The provision of the third schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to matters arising from the transfer by this section to the institute of the property of the incorporated Institute and with respect to other matters mentioned therein (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 25 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 26: Interpretations.

In this Bill:

"Board" means the National Board for Technical Education established under the National Board for Technical Education Act (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Board" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Council" means the Council established as the Governing Body of the Institute (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Council" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Fees" includes annual subscription (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Fees" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Institute" means the Chartered Polymer Institute established in section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Institute" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Member of this Institute" means a registered Fellow, Member, Member, Associate, Corporate, Students, Professional, Honorary Fellow, and membership of the Institute shall be construed accordingly (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Member of this Institute" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister of Science and Technology (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Minister" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Panel" has the meaning assigned to it by section 16 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Panel" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"President and Vice President" means respectively the office holders under those names in the Institute (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "President and Vice-President" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Registrar" means the Registrar appointed in accordance with section 7 (1)(a) of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Registrar" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Profession" means the profession of Polymer Science and Technology (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Profession" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Register" means the register maintained in pursuance of section 8 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Register" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Tribunal" has the meaning assigned to it by section 15 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Tribunal" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 26 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 27: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 27 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 1

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL AND THE INSTITUTE

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph a member of the Council shall hold office for a period of 3 years beginning from the date of his appointment or election.

- (2) In the case of a person who is a member by virtue of having been a president of the Institute, he shall hold office for a period of 3 years from the date of his having ceased to be president of the institute.
- (3) Any Member of the Institute who ceases to be a Member thereof shall, if he is also a Member of the Council, cease to hold office on the Council.
2. Any elected member may by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President of the Institute, resigns his office and any person appointed may with the consent of the Secretary, in the manner resigns his office.
3. A person who retires from or otherwise ceases to be an elected Member of the Council shall be eligible again to become a Member of the Council and any appointed Member may be reappointed.
4. Members of the Council shall at its meeting next before the Annual General Meeting of the Institute arrange for 5 Members of the Council appointed or elected and happen in office to retire at that Annual General Meeting.
5. Election to the Council shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the council and until so prescribed, it shall be decided by show of hands.
6. If for any reason there is a vacation of office by a Member:
 - (a) such Member was appointed by the Secretary, the Secretary shall appoint another fit and proper person to replace such Member; or
 - (b) such Member was elected, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired portion of the term of office and the next meeting of the Institute appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, appoint some fit and proper persons for such time as aforesaid.

Powers of Council

2. The Council shall have power to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute.
3.
 - (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may in the name of the Institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute, the Council or any of the Council's or Institute Committee.
 - (2) The standing orders shall provide for decision to be taken by a majority of members, and in the event of equality of votes, the President of the Institute or the Chairman, as the case may be shall have a second or casting vote.
 - (3) The standing orders made for a Committee shall provide that the Committee reports back to the Council on any matter within its competence to decide.
 - (4) The quorum of the council shall be given 7 days and the quorum of a committee of the council shall be determined by the Council.

Meeting of the Institute

4. (1) The Council shall convene the Annual General Meeting of the Institute on the 30th April of every year or on such day as the Council may, from time to time, so however, that if the meeting is not held within 1 year after the previous Annual General Meeting not more than 15 months shall elapse between the respective dates of the 2 meetings.
- (2) A special meeting of the Institute may be convened by the Council anytime, and if not less than 20 Members of the Institute require it by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the Institute setting out the object of the proposed meeting, the Chairman of the Council shall convene a special meeting of the Institute.
- (3) The quorum of any meeting of the Institute shall be 10 members and that of any special meeting of the Institute shall be 15 members.

Meeting of the Council

5. (1) Subject to the provision of any standing orders of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than 7 members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within 7 days from the date on which the notice is given.
- (2) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman or in his absence the Vice Chairman shall preside, but if both are absent the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of the Member to preside over the meeting.
- (3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member by virtue of this Sub paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Minister, who may give such directives as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at the meeting.

Committees

6. (1) The Council may appoint one or more Committees to carry out on behalf of the Institute or Council, such functions as the Council may determine.
- (2) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council of whom not more than one-third shall be persons who are not members of the Council shall hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of the letter by which he is appointed.
- (3) A decision of a Committee of the Council shall be of no effect until confirmed by the Council.
7. (1) The fixing of the Institute SEAL shall be authenticated by the signature of the President of the Institute or some other Member of the Council authorized generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose.

- (2) Any contract or instrument which is made or executed by a person who not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute or of this Council as the case may require, by any person generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose by the Council.
 - (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, it is deemed to be executed.
8. The validity of any proceeding of the Institute or the Council or of the committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in membership or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or of the Council or of a person to serve on the committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceeding (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 2

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL AND INVESTIGATING PANEL

1. The quorum of the Tribunal shall be 5 of whom at least 2 shall be Members of the profession.
2. (1) The Attorney General of the Federation may make rules as to the selection of Members of the Tribunal for the purpose of any proceeding and as to the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Tribunal.
- (2) The Rules shall in particular provide:
 - (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given at such time and in such manner as may be specified by the rules to the person who is the subject of the proceeding;
 - (b) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if so required be entitled to be heard by the Tribunal;
 - (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings to be represented by a Legal Practitioner;
 - (d) subject to the provisions of section 15 (7) of this Bill, as to cost of proceedings before the Tribunal;
 - (e) for requiring in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the tribunal adjudged that the allegation has not been proved, it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates;
 - (f) for publishing in the gazette of notice of any direction of the Tribunal which has taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off the register; and
 - (g) for determining who in addition to person aforesaid, shall be party to the proceeding.

- (3) For the purpose of any proceedings before the Tribunal, any Member of the Tribunal may administer oaths and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the registry of the Federal High Court writ of subpoena-ad-testificandum and duces tecum but no person appearing before the tribunal shall be compelled:
- (a) to make any statement before the tribunal pending to incriminate himself; or
 - (b) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.
3. (1) ~~For the purpose of advising the Tribunal on question of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an Assessor to the Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney General of the Federation and shall be a Legal Practitioner of not less than 10 years post call.~~
- (2) The Attorney General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of Assessors appointed under this paragraph and in particular such rules shall contain provisions for securing that:
- (a) whereas Assessor advises the Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matters specified by the rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or persons representing the party to the proceedings who appears thereat or if the advice is tendered while the tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed what advice the assessor has tendered; and
 - (b) every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed if in any case the tribunal does not accept the advice of the Assessor on such a question as aforesaid.

The Panel

4. The quorum of the Panel shall be 3.
5. (1) The Panel may at any of its meeting attended by not less than 5 Members of the Panel, make standing orders with respect to the Panel.
- (2) Subject to the provision of any standing orders, the Panel may regulate its procedure.

Miscellaneous

6. A person ceasing to be a Member of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be eligible for reappointment as a Member.
7. A person if otherwise eligible be a Member of both the Tribunal and Panel, but no person who acted as a Member of the Panel with respect to any case shall act as a Member of the Tribunal with respect to the case.
8. The Tribunal or the Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership and the proceeding of either body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a Member of that body or (subject to paragraph 7 of this Schedule) by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceeding of the body.
9. Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Tribunal or the Panel shall be served on the Registrar appointed in pursuant of section 6 of this Bill.

10. Any expenses of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be defrayed by the Institute (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 3

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TRANSFER OF ASSET AND LIABILITY

1. Every agreement to which the Incorporated Institute was a party immediately before the commencement of this Bill, whether in writing or not and whether or not of such a nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations thereunder could be assigned by the incorporated Institute, shall unless its terms or subject matter make it impossible that it should have effect as modified in the manner provided by the sub-paragraphs have effect from the commencement of this Bill so far as it relates to assets and liabilities transferred by this Bill to the Institute as if:
 - (a) the Institute had been a party to the agreement;
 - (b) for any reference (however worded and whether expressed or implied) to the Incorporated Institute, there were substituted in respect of anything falling to be done on or after the commencement of this Bill a reference to the Institute;
 - (c) for any reference however worded to a Member or Members of the Council of the Incorporated Institute, there were substituted, in respect of anything falling to be done on or after the commencement of this Bill, a reference to a Member or Members of the Council under this Bill.
2. Other documents which refer whether specially or generally to the Incorporated Institute shall be considered in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph so far as applicable.
3. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this schedule, where by operation of section 6 of this Bill, any right, liability or obligation vest in the Institute, the Institute and all other person shall as from the commencement of this Bill have same rights, power and remedies (and in particular the same rights as to the taking or resisting of legal proceedings or the making or resisting of applications to any authority) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of the Institute.
4. Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending before the commencement of this Bill by or against the Incorporated Institute and relating to assets or liabilities transferred by this Bill to the Institute may be continued on or after that day or against the Institute.
5. On commencement of this Bill, any person holding any paid appointment in the Incorporated Institute shall hold a correspondent appointment in the Institute on the same term and condition as to tenure and Incorporated Institute and the Institute in respect of the same period of service.
6. If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situate provides for the registration or transfer of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise) the law shall, so far as it provides for alteration of a regular (but not for avoidance of transfer, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply with necessary modifications, to the transfer of the property aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the Council to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and for that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

7. All regulations, rules and similar instruments made for the purpose of the Incorporated Institute and in force immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall except in so far as they are subsequently revoked or amended by any authority having power in that behalf have effect with any necessary modification as if duly made for the corresponding purposes of the Institute (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 4

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

1. Subject to the provision of Section 9 of this Bill for the purpose of professional requirement, student members shall be a full time student in any Institution of higher learning on an accredited course of study leading to specialization in polymer science, engineering and technology.
2. Technician Member shall be HND, a ND holder in Polymer Science or Engineering or requisite experience in the operation and service of polymer industry equipment.
3. Graduate Member, shall possess a maximum of 4 years polymer education with credits earned in polymer science, engineering or technology, plastic coating or such other qualification as may be recognized by the Institute as equivalent to the foregoing requirement for admission to graduate polymer Institute of Nigeria.
4. Associate Members shall be persons with not less than 6 years' experience with credit earned for Diploma, a Degree in a discipline other than polymer science, engineering or technology and involvement in polymer or polymer equipment marketing sales, purchasing, education, engineering, designs, production, processing, research and development, consulting or other levels of management.
5. Full Members, polymer chemistry, polymer physics, polymer engineering, plastic engineering, polymer technology and allied field shall have a minimum of 6 years' experience with credits of which 4 years must be earned for full time polymer education to at least a Second Class Honours Bachelor Degree level or equivalent and as approved by the council.
6. Fellows shall be conferred on a Member for outstanding work in field of polymer science or engineering and services to the Institute.
7. Honorary Fellow shall be chosen and nominated by the Council for services to the polymer Industry and the Institute.
8. Corporate (Company) Membership - Company involved in production or services to Polymer Science Engineering (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria to among other things, regulate Polymer Science and Allied Industries in Nigeria; and to prescribe standard of experience and efficiency a Polymer Scientist should acquire by promoting professional integrity and status of all persons engaged in polymer Science in the country and for related matters (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1029) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria to Promote, advance and develop the application of Polymer Science Engineering and Technology in the Polymer and Allied Industries in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1029) and approved Clauses 1 - 27, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(v) Committee on Agricultural Production and Services:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Animal Diseases (Control) Bill for the Purpose of Prevention, Detection, Control, and Eradication of Infectious and Contagious Transboundary and Zoonotic Animal Diseases; the Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance through the Control and Regulation of the Use and Administration of Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Drugs and Chemicals in Animals, Animal Products, and Medicated Animal Feeds as well as the Sales and Distribution of Pet Foods, Veterinary Medical Devices and other Veterinary Products; and for the Enhancement of Animal Welfare and Food Safety; and for Related Matters (HB. 682, HB. 1268 and HB. 140)" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE ANIMAL DISEASES (CONTROL) ACT, CAP. A17, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND ENACT THE ANIMAL DISEASES (CONTROL) BILL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTION, DETECTION, CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF INFECTIOUS AND CONTAGIOUS TRANSBOUNDARY AND ZOONOTIC ANIMAL DISEASES; THE PREVENTION OF ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE THROUGH THE CONTROL AND REGULATION OF THE USE AND ADMINISTRATION OF VETERINARY BIOLOGICS, VETERINARY DRUGS AND CHEMICALS IN ANIMALS, ANIMAL PRODUCTS, AND MEDICATED ANIMAL FEEDS AS WELL AS THE SALES AND DISTRIBUTION OF PET FOODS, VETERINARY MEDICAL DEVICES AND OTHER VETERINARY PRODUCTS; AND FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE AND FOOD SAFETY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 682, HB. 1268 and HB. 140)

PART I — IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 1: Importation of Animals, Animal Products /Commodities, Eggs, Poultry, Fish, Wildlife, and Pet foods.**

- (1) AS from the date of commencement of this Bill, the importation of any animal, animal products/commodities, eggs/poultry, Fish, Wildlife, Pet foods, Feeds, Feed additives into Nigeria from any other country by land, sea or air is prohibited except under a permit, in the form set out in Schedules 5, 6 and 9 to this Bill, granted by the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON), who in each case shall state the conditions under which the animals, animal products/commodities, eggs/poultry, fish, wildlife, pet foods, feeds, and feed additives may be imported.
- (2) Any animal, animal products/commodities, eggs, feeds, feed additives and poultry imported by land, sea or air may be subjected to such examination, disinfection, inoculation and quarantine at the risk and expense of the owner thereof as the CVON may deem necessary.
- (3) Any animal, animal products/commodities, eggs/poultry, feed, feed additives and pet foods which for the purposes of trade or other purposes is brought into Nigeria across an international border whether on hoof or by road, rail, sea or air shall be subject to inspection at any of the Quarantine Stations or Control Posts listed in Schedules 3 and 4 to this Bill by an authorized officer for the purposes of ascertainment that such animals, animal products/commodities are duly permitted to be transported and fit to do so.
- (4) No person shall import or export animals, animal products, semen, embryos, eggs, chicks, and wild bird species except under a permit issued by the CVON, who is the competent veterinary authority for the country, or by any veterinary officer authorized by him.
- (5) No person shall import or export semen and/or operate, for commercial or any other purposes, an animal semen production centre, artificially inseminate or collect or process semen from a ruminant, porcine, or any other species except under and in accordance with a permit, as stipulated in Schedule 7 issued by the Director/Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria.
- (6) Any animal, animal products/commodities, feeds, feed additives, aquatic products, and pet foods which for the purposes of trade or otherwise, being imported into or exported out of the country shall be accompanied with International Veterinary Certificate as contained in schedules 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 17 to this Bill, signed and issued by the CVON or by any veterinary officer authorized by him (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno Marte Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stands part of the Bill —Agreed to.

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 2: Importation of Veterinary Biologies, Veterinary Drugs and Medicaments, Veterinary Pesticides, Infectious Agents (including Prions) and Veterinary Products of biotechnology.**

- (1) The importation of veterinary biologies, pesticides, infectious agents and products of biotechnology into Nigeria from any country is prohibited, except under a permit in the form set out in Schedules 8 and 15 to this Bill, granted by the CVON or any Veterinary Officer authorised by him.

- (2) The Federal Department of Veterinary Services shall be responsible for the control of Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Drugs/Medicaments, Infectious Agents, Veterinary Pesticides, and Veterinary Products of Biotechnology within the country, and the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) shall issue permit authorizing the use of the products in the country before the products could be presented and accepted to undergo the mandatory process of statutory regulatory certification by the appropriate authority or agency as prescribed by law.
- (3) Holders of annual Veterinary premises license and veterinary practising license, or veterinary pharmacy certificate issued by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN) on one hand; and veterinary pharmacy certificate issued by the International College of Veterinary Pharmacy (ICVP) or any other national or international institutions recognised by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN), on the other hand; shall be accepted for trade, import and export in Veterinary biologics, Pet foods, Feeds, Feed Additives, Veterinary drugs / medicaments, Veterinary medical devices, Veterinary products as well as for operation of Veterinary premises / establishment(s) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART II — EXPORTATION OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS/COMMODITIES

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Exportation of Animals, Animal Products/Commodities, Veterinary Biologics, Pet foods and Medicated Animal Feeds.

The exportation of any animal, animal products/commodities, infectious agents, toxins, Veterinary biologics, sample / specimen and products of Veterinary biotechnology out of Nigeria to any other country by land, sea, or air is prohibited except under a permit, in the form set out in Schedules 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 to this Bill, granted by the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) who in each case shall state the conditions under which the animal, animal products/commodities or infectious agents may be exported in line with the requirements of the importing countries (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART III — SEIZURE OR DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS/COMMODITIES

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Seizure or Destruction of Animals, Animal Products/Commodities, Pet Foods, Veterinary Biologics and Veterinary Pesticides.

Any animal, animal products/commodities, biologics, infectious agents, or products of biotechnology which is not imported in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Bill shall be seized or caused to be destroyed immediately on arrival into the country by the competent authorities in collaboration with Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON), without prejudice to the imposition of any penalty for the contravention of these provisions provided that such seizure or destruction shall be reported without delay to the Magistrate having jurisdiction in that area (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART IV — ANIMAL DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 5: Surveillance of Imported Animals, Animal Products, Pet Foods, medicated Animal Feeds, and Feed Additives (Compliance with Disease Preventive Measures).**

(1) If a Veterinary Officer, Police Officer or any authorized officer has reason to believe that there is in any premises, animal, animal products/commodities, pet foods, feeds, feed additives, biologics, veterinary products, pesticides, infectious agents or products of veterinary biotechnology which have been imported into Nigeria in contravention of the provisions of this Bill shall:

(a) within reasonable time enter, inspect the premises and examine any suspected animal, animal products/commodities, pet foods, feeds, feed additives, veterinary biologics, veterinary products, pesticides, infectious agents or products of veterinary biotechnology therein;

(b) demand, from the owner or person in charge or in possession, for the evidence of import permit issued by the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) to import such animals, animal products/commodities, pet foods, feeds, feed additives, veterinary products, pesticides, biologics or samples/specimen, infectious agents or products of veterinary biotechnology found on the premises;

(c) where he has reasonable grounds to believe that such animals, animal products/commodities, pet foods, feeds, feed additives, biologics, veterinary products, pesticides, infectious agents or products of veterinary biotechnology have been imported without permit: seize or detain such animal, animal products/commodities, veterinary biologics, infectious agents or products of biotechnology at the risk and the expense of the owner or importer for a period of not less than 48 hours, after which the items shall be destroyed and penalty imposed on the importer if no proof of permission to import can be produced.

(2) Any person who is guilty of such breach, non compliance or contravention under this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not less than fifty percent (50%) worth of the total cost of the products so imported without genuine permit or a minimum of three months imprisonment or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Momoh/Monguno/Maric/Ngomai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 6: Routine Surveillance/Epidemiological Disease Outbreaks Investigation.**

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5, an authorized officer shall be allowed to enter any premises or area for the purposes of routine disease surveillance, epidemiological disease outbreak investigation, and to inspect level of compliance with the following:

(a) Biosecurity/biosafety measures;

(b) Disease prevention measures;

(c) Disease control measures;

(d) Epidemiological record keeping.

(2) In order to promote and facilitate trade in animals, animal products, and for the purpose of disease prevention, control, treatment and eradication, the Honourable Minister or his representative shall select designated areas, farms, and locations that are suitable for the creation of specific disease free zones and compartmentalisation for the rearing of animals of distinctive epidemiological status.

(3) The Chief Veterinary Officer (CVON) and State Directors of Veterinary Services (DVS) or their delegated representatives, either in any part of the country or in the affected states respectively, shall carry out an epidemiological enquiry / investigation in the event of suspicion of highly transmissible diseases of Public Health, food security and socio-economic consequences using standard disease investigation formats issued by the CVON.

(4) The frequency and scope of disease surveillance activities shall be proportional to the perceived risks/threats posed by diseases, chemicals, radiation or toxic events as determined by the CVON or State DVS.

(5) Any operator of animal farm that contravenes the above provisions of the Act shall, in the event of disease outbreak from such farm shall bear the cost of disease mitigation within the epidemiological unit or liable, on conviction, to a minimum of two years imprisonment or to a fine not less than N150,000 or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno -- Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Surveillance of Diseases of Wildlife Species.

(1) The CVON shall provide guidelines for the conduct of surveillance for diseases of wild animal species in parks, games reserves, zoological gardens or in any other location.

(2) No person shall keep wild animals or wild bird species in captivity as a pet or for trade purposes without veterinary certification that confirms that such animals or birds do not pose health risk to other domestic animal species, human population and the environment.

(3) Any person who violates the provision of the above subsection (2) shall be liable to a minimum fine of N500,000 or a term of 3 years imprisonment or both.

(4) Only Veterinary Surgeons are competent to diagnose, treat, prevent, control and eradicate diseases of wildlife.

(5) Any person who contravenes the provision of above subsection (4) shall be liable, if found guilty by court of competent jurisdiction, to a minimum fine of N500,000 or a term of 3 years imprisonment or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno -- Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART V — NOTIFICATION

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 8: Notification of Diseases, Fake/Counterfeit, Substandard, Expired or Adulterated Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Products, Veterinary Pesticides, Contaminated or Adulterated medicated Animal Feeds, Feed Additives, Pet Foods and Substandard Veterinary Medical Devices.**

- (1) (a) Any person having in his charge or under his charge or under his control any animal infected or suspected to be infected with any of the diseases listed in Schedule 1 to this Bill and/or any other emerging or re-emerging diseases of Socio-economic, Public Health and food security consequences, shall keep such animals separate from other animals not so infected or suspected to be infected and shall forthwith give notice of the fact of the animal being so infected or suspected to be infected to a Veterinary Officer or the nearest public Veterinary Officer or the authorised officer.
- (b) The person in charge of any trade animal which shows signs of any disease or dies while in the process of being moved from one place to another, shall report the illness or death of such animal to the authorized officer on arrival at the first Inspection Station or Control Post, along the prescribed routes, and in the case of death of the animal, shall dispose of the carcass in a hygienic and environmentally safe manner as directed by the authorized officer.
- (c) Any person having in his charge or under his charge or under his control any animal products/commodities that is contaminated or adulterated or suspected to have been contaminated or adulterated, shall keep such animal products/commodities separate from other animal products/commodities not contaminated or adulterated and shall forthwith give notice of the fact of the animal products/commodities to a Veterinary Officer or the nearest Veterinary Surgeon or the authorised officer.
- (d) Any person having in his charge or under his control any Veterinary biologics, infectious agents or products of Veterinary biotechnology that are expired or suspected to be fake / counterfeit or substandard; shall keep such separate from other unexpired and genuine items, and shall forthwith give notice of such expired or suspected to be fake / counterfeit or substandard items to a Veterinary Officer or the nearest Veterinary Surgeon or the authorised officer.
- (2) (c) No person shall keep in his possession veterinary drugs, biologics, infectious agents or products of Veterinary biotechnology for commercial or any other purposes without the registration of such premises by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN).
- (L) The State Directors of Veterinary Services (DVS) shall transmit such information as regards the registration of such premises concerned to the office of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) for his consent and necessary actions.
- (c) Any person in charge of any contaminated or adulterated medicated animal feeds, feed additives, pet foods, substandard veterinary medical devices and other veterinary products, shall report such to the authorized officer and shall dispose of the item(s) as directed by the authorized officer in an environmentally friendly manner.

- (3) When any animal so infected or suspected to be infected is being transported, neither such animal nor any animal with which it has been in contact with shall be moved except in so far as may be necessary for effecting isolation or for procuring food or water pending the directions of a Veterinary Officer. Animals must be transported in accordance with the OIE guidelines. Unloading facilities must be fit for the purpose of preventing injuries to animals. All animals must be inspected on arrival; animals that are severely distressed or injured must be slaughtered or be culled immediately.
- (4) Any Veterinary Officer, or authorised officer receiving a notification under subsection (1) of this section or otherwise becoming aware that any animal, animal products /commodities, biologics, veterinary products, pesticides, infectious agents, pet foods or medicated feeds, products of Veterinary biotechnology within the limits of his jurisdiction is infected with disease, contaminated or adulterated in the case of animal products/commodities, medicated animal feeds, feed additives, pet foods, products of Veterinary biotechnology or fake/counterfeit in the case of biologics or veterinary products, pesticides shall take measures to enforce the provisions of this section with regard to isolation and quarantine or non-movement of the animal, determination of the identity and quality of the seized item(s) and shall forthwith notify the nearest Magistrate or Police Officer.
- (5) The Veterinary Officer, if he is of the opinion that any animal is infected with any disease; or he has reason to believe that any animal has been exposed to infections, shall at a cost to the owner administer treatment, or issue such orders, directions or prohibitions as he may consider necessary to prevent the spread of the disease; and may cause any such animal to be slaughtered, in accordance with the Animal Welfare Code of Practice, if he considers that the slaughter of such animal is necessary for the prevention of the spread of the disease and shall inform the Police forthwith.
- (6) All Veterinary biologics, Veterinary products, Veterinary drugs, Veterinary pesticides and Veterinary medical devices shall be handled, sold or administered only by a Veterinary surgeon, or any authorised officer under his/her supervision, with up-to-date annual practising license issued by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria.
- (7) The CVON through the State DVS shall immediately be notified of any outbreak of zoonotic or transboundary animal diseases in order to ensure timely implementation of prevention, containment, control and eradication strategies; and other necessary risk management or mitigation measures.
- (8) The official notification, as stipulated in subsection (7) of this section, shall contain the following information on the disease outbreak:
- (a) Location of outbreak
 - (b) Date of the outbreak
 - (c) Species, number, sex and age of animals involved
 - (d) Morbidity and mortality
 - (e) Tentative diagnosis
 - (f) laboratory tests and results (if any)

- (g) any disease control measures taken in relation to the outbreak
 - (h) the possible or known origin of the listed disease(s)
 - (i) Disease outbreak investigation report
- (9) Any person in charge of animals or animal products/commodities suspected of disease conditions, enumerated in Section 7 (1) (a),(b),(c), and (d); Sections 7 (2) (a), and Section (7) (3),(4),(6) of this Bill, who fails, refuses, or neglects to report to the appropriate Veterinary Authorities shall be guilty of an offence which on conviction shall be liable to a term not less than 6 months imprisonment or a minimum fine of ₦150,000.00 or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno – Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART VI — DISEASE TRACEABILITY AND ANIMALS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Disease Traceability and Identification of Animals.

- (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) has the overall responsibility for animal identification and traceability in the country for the purposes of addressing animal health and food safety issues in order to ensure the effectiveness of the following activities:
 - (a) management of disease outbreaks and food safety incidents
 - (b) vaccination programmes
 - (c) herd or flock husbandry
 - (d) zoning or compartmentalization *
 - (e) surveillance
 - (f) early response and notification systems
 - (g) animal movement controls
 - (h) Inspections and certification
 - (i) fair practices in trade
 - (j) utilisation of veterinary drugs, feed and pesticides at farm level
- (2) The Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) shall be responsible for the control of trade animals prescribed under this Bill and also for the establishment and maintenance of electronic animal identification system throughout the federation for the purpose of tracing, prevention and control of zoonotic and transboundary animal diseases.

- (3) The CVON in consultation with the Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Services (NAQS), State Directors of Veterinary Services (DVS), private sector, other relevant government agencies and stakeholders shall design and also review, from time to time, a framework for the implementation and enforcement of animal identification and animal traceability in Nigeria based on the following factors:
- (a) the outcomes of the risk assessment
 - (b) the animal and public health situation (including zoonoses and related programmes)
 - (c) animal population parameters (such as species and breeds, numbers and distribution)
 - (d) types of production
 - (e) animal movement patterns
 - (f) available technologies
 - (g) trade in animals and animal products
 - (h) cost/benefit analysis
 - (i) other economic, cultural, geographical and environmental considerations
 - (j) confidentiality of data, accessibility issues and efficient exchange of information
- (4) In implementing the electronic animal identification system for the country, CVON in consultation with the NAQS, State DVS and other relevant stakeholders shall prepare an Action Plan specifying the following :
- (a) timetable including the milestones and performance indicators
 - (b) human and financial resources
 - (c) technical support
 - (d) communication/advocacy strategies
 - (e) training programmes
 - (f) checking and verification arrangements
 - (g) enforcement procedures
- (5) All animals purchased on-farms or livestock markets, nomadic herds, delivered for transportation, transported, or sold, in commerce, by a dealer or exhibitor shall be accompanied by a Movement Permit issued by the DVS of state of origin of the animals or his / her authorised officer(s).

- (6) Except as otherwise provided in this part, every person who owns or has in his/her possession, care or control of a live or carcass of bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine or any other animal species; shall ensure that it is identified by an approved means of identification and registration (ear tagging, branding, marking, application of microchips or other electronic devices) as may be prescribed by the CVON.
- (7) Every person who applies, or causes the application of, an approved means of identification and registration of an animal, or the carcass or the edible offal, shall ensure that such identification material is applied correctly and appropriately.
- (8) Except as otherwise provided in this part, every person who owns or has in his/her possession, care or control of a live or carcass of a bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine or any other animals shall ensure that it bears the approved method of identification and registration referred to in subsection (6) at all times, even after it might have been removed from its farm of origin.
- (9) All animals purchased on farms or livestock markets, nomadic herds, delivered for transportation, transported, or sold, in commerce, by a dealer or exhibitor shall be identified and duly registered by the DVS of the state of origin of the animals or his / her authorised officer(s).
- (10) It shall be the responsibilities of State DVS, NAQS, and other relevant stakeholders to forward information and other necessary data on animal identification and registration, on one hand; and on the other hand, animal traceability and tracking collected in their respective jurisdictions to the central database in the office of the CVON.
- (11) Any person who violates the provisions of the above subsections (6), (7), (8) and (9) shall be liable to a fine not less than fifty percent market value of the unregistered animals or imprisonment not less than three (3) years or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

**PART VII — DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL CARCASSES AND CONTAMINATED/
ADULTERATED ANIMAL PRODUCTS/COMMODITIES**

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Disposal of Animal Carcass, Contaminated or Adulterated Animal Products/Commodities, Fake/Counterfeit, Substandard Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Products, Veterinary Pesticides, Pet foods, medicated Animal Feeds, Feed Additives and products of Veterinary Biotechnology.

- (1) In the event that any animal is infected with a disease or contaminated with chemicals or radiation or toxins considered to be a threat to food security, or of public health and socioeconomic consequences, dies or is slaughtered, the carcass shall be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner at the expense of the owner
- (2) (a) Any fodder, litter, utensils, pens or any other thing which may, in the opinion of a Veterinary Officer, have come in contact with such animal or its carcass shall be disposed of as directed by the Veterinary Officer.

- (b) Any contaminated or adulterated animal products/commodities shall be disposed off as directed by the Veterinary Officer.
 - (c) Any fake/counterfeit Veterinary biologics or products of Veterinary biotechnology shall be disposed of as directed by the Veterinary Officer.
- (3) A Veterinary Officer shall:
- (a) for the purpose of examining a diseased animal and after disclosing his identity, shall enter into any premises and may, for the purpose of diagnosing diseases and take appropriate sample(s), not exceeding the required standard quantity.
 - (b) seize and detain any animal, animal products/commodities, Veterinary biologics, veterinary products, pesticides or products of Veterinary biotechnology in relation to which any such breach, non-compliance or contravention has been committed, provided that such seizure and detention shall be reported in writing without delay to a Magistrate or Police Officer having jurisdiction in the area.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in this Bill, any person who is guilty of an offence, non-compliance or contravention of this section, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N250,000 or imprisonment for three months or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART VIII — ANIMAL SEMEN AND GERMSPLASM CONTROL

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Animal Semen and Germplasm Control.

- (1) (a) Every person who operates an animal semen production centre shall immediately segregate any animal that has been exposed to infectious disease agents from all other animals in the centre that have not been exposed to the disease, or remove the exposed animal from the centre in a manner directed by a Veterinary Surgeon.
- (b) No person shall collect animal semen from a production centre, store, or distribute from such centre or any location semen that is infected with or has been exposed to an infectious disease transmissible through semen.
- (c) Where animal semen that is infected with or has been exposed to an infectious disease that is being transmitted in semen has been collected in an animal semen production centre or has been stored in such a centre or in an animal semen distribution centre, the person operating the centre shall immediately destroy the semen under the supervision of a Veterinary Authority.

- (d) Where a Veterinary Authority finds that animal semen stored in an animal semen production centre or animal semen distribution centre is contaminated by bacteria, virus, or any other micro-organism capable of introducing disease in animals, he may cause all or any semen of the animal from which the contaminated semen was collected to be destroyed or order the person having the possession, care or custody of the animal semen to destroy any or all of it.
- (2) Every person who conducts artificial insemination or operates an animal semen production centre shall keep and make available for inspection, by a Veterinary Authority, a record as indicated in Schedule 7:
- (a) the type of semen and/or species of animals
 - (b) the date semen was acquired or entry of animal to the centre
 - (c) the name and address of the owner of each animal or of the person from whom the animal was acquired.
 - (d) the premises from which each animal entered the centre.
 - (e) all tests performed on each animal, specifying the date and results of each test and including the person who performed the tests.
 - (f) the date semen was collected from each animal, the quantity collected and the disposition of the semen;
 - (h) the date each animal was removed from the centre, the reason for the removal and the disposition of each animal.
 - (i) species, age and breed of animals.
- (3) Every record required to be kept pursuant to this section shall be in a form approved by the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) and shall be maintained for a minimum period of ten (10) years.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in this Bill, any person, who is guilty of this offence, non compliance or contravention of this section, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for minimum of one year, or a fine of not less than ₦500,000, or both, and any animal and/or semen in relation to which this offence is committed shall be forfeited (*P'on. Mohammed Tahir Monguno Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 11 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART IX — REGISTRATION AND CONTROL OF ANIMAL FARMS, HATCHERIES,
LIVE ANIMAL MARKETS AND ABATTOIRS/SLAUGHTER FACILITIES

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: Registration and Control of Animal Farms and Hatcheries.

- (1) In order to enhance risk based active disease surveillance of zoonotic and transboundary animal diseases, any person who establishes or intends to establish a commercial farm of up to 10–50 dairy cattle, 10 beef cattle, 50 small ruminants, 50 pigs, 500 fish or other aquatic animals, 250 birds or hatchery shall be required to have a consulting Veterinary Surgeon and to

obtain a licence for its establishment from the State Director of Veterinary Services (DVS) in which the farm or hatchery is situated.

- (2) All animal farms, livestock value chain operators, and traders in the States shall be registered with the office of the State DVS.
- (3) The operators of such animal farms, in order for their farms to be registered before they commence such activities, shall inform the State DVS as set out in Schedule 14.
- (4) Operators of the animal farms, as stated in above subsection (3) shall inform the State DVS concerned of:
 - (a) any changes in the animal farms concerning the matters referred to in subsection (3).
 - (b) any cessation of activity by the operator or animal farm concerned
- (5) It shall be the responsibility of the concerned State Director of Veterinary Services to forward such registration information, from time to time, to the National Animal Health database in the office of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON).
- (6) A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for such annual registration of animal farms in any part of the country, with the objective of disease prevention and control through the enhancement of biosecurity measures, shall be prepared and reviewed, from time to time, by the CVON.
- (7) The State DVS or his representative shall routinely visit such farms or hatchery to ascertain level of compliance with biosecurity and disease prevention measures, and shall report same to the CVON.
- (8) The State DVS in the state shall only renew the annual license to operate such farms or hatcheries if the operator complies with the aforementioned measures.
- (9) All existing commercial farms and hatcheries shall be required to be registered within six months of the coming into effect of this Bill.
- (10) The owner of a registered animal farm or hatchery shall manage and maintain such commercial farm or hatchery in a reasonable hygienic condition and comply with all treatments and vaccination measures in force in the State to prevent the outbreak and spread of diseases.
- (11) Any farm whose registration is not renewed on annual basis shall be liable, for the first offender, to a fine of five times the cost of annual registration, and for subsequent ones, to a fine of ten times the cost of annual registration
(Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that Clause 12 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: Licence for Animal Farms and Hatcheries.

- (1) A license in the form set out in Schedule 14 to this Bill shall be issued in respect of above registration.

- (2) The annual fee payable for a license shall be as determined by the State DVS.
- (3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than ₦250,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of not less than 30 days or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 13 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: Monitoring and Control of the Use and Administration of Veterinary Drugs and Veterinary Biologics in Terrestrial and Aquatic Animal Farms.

- (1) It shall be the responsibility of both the CVON on one hand; and on the other hand, the State DVS to set and also put in place veterinary inspection teams for the enforcement of standards on the routine use of veterinary drugs and veterinary biologics by the Veterinary doctors in charge of such farms in accordance with the national veterinary formulary.
- (2) It shall be the responsibility of the owners or operators of such animal farms to keep detailed records as regards the names, types, quantities and dates of use, and routes of administration of such veterinary drugs and veterinary biologics on animals on the farms, and also, from time to time, transmit such detailed records to the office of the DVS in the State concerned.
- (3) It shall be the responsibility of the State Director of Veterinary Services to forward the above detailed records in subsection (2) to the National Animal Health Database in the office of the CVON for proper documentation and actions.
- (4) Any farm owner or operator found guilty by court of competent jurisdiction to have violated the provision of subsection (2) above shall be liable to a fine of not less than ₦200,000 or one year imprisonment as a first time offender; second or subsequent offender shall be liable to fine of not less than ₦400,000 or 5 years imprisonment or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: Registration and Control of Live Animal Markets (LAM).

- (1) Operators of such animal markets shall:
 - (a) in order to enhance risk based active disease surveillance of zoonotic and transboundary animal diseases, live bird markets and hatcheries shall be duly registered with the State Director of Veterinary Services.
 - (b) it shall be the responsibility of concerned State Director of Veterinary Services to forward such registration information as regards live bird markets and hatcheries, from time to time, to the centralised database in the office of the Director/Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria.

- (2) All animals including cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and poultry or any other species to be purchased or sold in commerce by a dealer/marketer shall be displayed for sale in a market that is duly registered by the State or Local Government Area.
- (3) Every person conducting a public sale, auction, or marketing of poultry, cattle, sheep, goat shall keep the place where such sale, auction or market is held in a sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Veterinary Authorities, and shall obtain an Annual Permit from DVS of that State.
- (4) Every person conducting a public sale, auction or market of poultry or game birds/cattle/sheep/goats shall keep and make available for inspection by a Veterinary Authority a record showing, with respect to each animal/flock sold or received at the sale, auction or market; the complete, legal names and addresses of the consignor of every animal/flock received and the purchaser of every animal sold at the sale, auction or market.
- (5) All areas used as poultry slaughter slabs in live bird markets shall be maintained under hygienic/ sanitary conditions and all equipment shall be made of stainless steel, glass or plastics, and to the satisfaction of Veterinary Authorities.
- (6) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than ₦250,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of not less than 30 days or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 15 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: Annual Registration and Certification of Butchers in Abattoirs and Slaughter Slabs.

- (1) For the purpose of meat - borne disease prevention and control, the CVON shall set up guidelines for the construction and operation of all abattoirs and slaughter houses and slabs in Nigeria.
- (2) The CVON shall set up guidelines for the regular training and annual certification of butchers in Nigeria.
- (3) The State DVS shall register, on annual basis, and also supervise, within the context of animal diseases prevention and control, all abattoirs and slaughter houses and slabs in their respective states, and forward such information to the office of the CVON for documentation and necessary action.
- (4) The State DVS shall, on annual basis, register and train every butcher that operates from the slaughter slabs and abattoirs in their respective states, and forward such information to the office of the CVON for documentation and necessary action.
- (5) The States DVS shall ensure that only butchers who are medically fit (free from zoonotic diseases or infections) are certified to participate in slaughtering of animals and meat processes in their respective states of jurisdiction. Annual medical examination of butchers, in a recognised government hospitals, shall be a pre- requisite for annual registration and certification.

- (6) The CVON in collaboration with the States DVS shall prescribe a standard uniforms and accessories for registered butchers in each state.
- (7) The office of the CVON shall periodically monitor and evaluate the extent to which the States DVS comply with the provisions of this Section.
- (8) Any butcher who contravenes any provision of this Section shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not less than two hundred thousand (N200,000.00) or 6 months imprisonment or both in case of a first offender. A second or subsequent offender shall be liable to one year imprisonment without any option of fine (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 16 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART X — CONTROL OF MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS AND
ANIMAL PRODUCTS/COMMODITIES

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Control of Animal Movement and Animal Products/ Commodities.

- (1) All existing Control Post and Quarantine Stations as listed in Schedules 3 and 4 subsist, and the Minister or Commissioner may, by notice published in the Gazette, establish more Inspection Stations and Control Posts at specified places.
- (2) The control of trade animals prescribed under this Bill shall be exercised by the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON), Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Services NAQS), State Director of Veterinary Services (DVS), as the case may be.
- (3) Any person in charge of trade animals and pets entering from any place outside Nigeria into any area in Nigeria shall move all the animals by the most direct route to the nearest International Control Post.
- (4) Where trade animals have been purchased, the person in charge shall obtain movement permit from the State DVS or his representative, who shall issue such permit after thorough examination before moving such animal out of the area.
- (5)
 - (a) Where food animals are transported by rail or road for a period exceeding 12 hours, the person in charge will be required to stop movement for a minimum of one hour to feed, water and rest such animals every 12 hours. Loading and unloading facilities must be fit for the purpose of preventing injuries to animals. All animals shall be inspected on arrival, and animals that are severely distressed or injured must be slaughtered immediately and subjected to professional veterinary meat inspection.
 - (b) Where trade animals are being moved from one area to another on hooves for the purpose of being slaughtered, they may be moved without restriction, provided that, the distance to be travelled does not exceed 30 kilometres measured by the most direct cattle route and there is no control post along such route. Useful and permissive handling aids including panels, flags, plastic paddles, flappers, plastic bags and metallic rattles should be used in manners to direct

movement without forcing the animals. Large sticks, metal piping, sharp sticks, fencing wire and heavy leather belts should not be used to move animals.

- (c) Any contravention to the above subsections 5 (a) and (b) shall be liable to a fine of not less than ₦100,000 or three month imprisonment or both for the first offender, and for the second offender, a fine of not less than ₦200,000 or 6 months imprisonment or both.
- (6) Where trade animals are transported by road or rail they shall be secured in standing position:
- (a) horned animals shall either be securely tied or separated by a partition from polled animals;
- (b) animals of different age groups and species shall also be separated;
- (c) provision of adequate ventilation and space for each animal species;
- (d) vehicles with three (3) decks used for transportation of animals shall have permanent roof.
- (7) Where trade animals are transported by means of a vehicle, loading or unloading ramps shall be installed to reduce the incidence of fractures and bruises.
- (8) The person in charge of any trade animal shall, before removing them from any control post, obtain from the authorized officer, a veterinary movement loading permit in the form set out in Schedule 12 to this Bill (hereinafter in this Bill referred to as 'movement loading permit') in which shall be set out the route to be followed and the control posts through which all the animals shall pass.
- (9) The person in charge of any trade animal shall, until the destination mentioned in the permit has been reached, at all times keep such permit in his possession and shall on demand produce same for inspection by any authorized officer
- (10) An authorised officer shall inspect any trade animal brought to any control posts specified in schedules 3 or 4 of this Bill and the authorized officer may, if he thinks fit, brand or affix any identification mark, including microchips, to such animals and he may, for the cure or prevention of any disease, detain such animal for the purpose of observation or treatment or slaughter at a control post.
- (11) Any contravention of the subsections (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of the above section shall be liable to a fine of not less than ₦300,000 or a minimum of one year imprisonment or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 17 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 18: Permit for Loading/Movement of Trade Animals and Transportation of Animal Products/ Commodities.**

- (1) No trade animal, animal products/commodities shall be loaded on a rail wagon, motor vehicle, river vessel or on any aircraft for transportation from one area to another unless the owner of such animal is in possession of a movement permit issued by the State Director of Veterinary Services
- (2) In respect of each consignment of trade animals, the movement permit shall be in the Form set out in Schedule 12 to this Bill and shall be valid for one journey only.
- (3) The movement permit shall not be issued unless the authorized officer is satisfied that the provision of this Bill in respect of trade animals have been complied with and that such animals are in his opinion, fit to travel.
- (4) A movement permit shall only be issued by a person who has been duly authorised under this Bill.
- (5) No animal and animal products/commodities shall be transported by rail, road, or air within the country except under a permit in the form set out in schedule 13 (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguho — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 18 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XI — VETERINARY LICENCES FOR TRADE ANIMALS
AND OTHER VETERINARY PRODUCTS

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 19: Veterinary Licence for Trade Animals, Pet Foods, Veterinary Medical Devices, and Veterinary Products.**

- (1) The owner of a trade animal shall not transport such animal by rail, motor vehicle, river, ocean vessel or aircraft unless he is the holder of an annual licence granted on that behalf by an authorized officer.
- (2) An annual licence shall not be transferable and shall be in the form set out in Schedule 11 hereto and the fee payable shall be as prescribed.
- (3) An annual licence is required to be granted by the State DVS for trade animals.
- (4) Fails to produce a license for inspection when required to do so, shall be deemed to have contravened the provisions of this Bill.
- (5) Any person granted license under this Bill who fails to drive or take the trade animals through the specified route and control post contravenes the provisions of this Bill, provided that no animal infected or suspected of being infected with infectious agents shall be driven, taken or moved except in so far as may be necessary for effective isolation or for procuring food and water pending the direction of the authorised officer

- (6) Any person contravening any provisions of this section of the Act, shall on conviction be liable to a fine not more than ₦300,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not less than 3 months for the first offence and to a fine not more than ₦500,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months for subsequent offence (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 19 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XII — BIOSECURITY AND CONTROL OF ANIMAL FARMS
AND HATCHERY ESTABLISHMENTS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 20: Biosecurity.

- (1) (a) All establishments (farms and hatcheries) shall comply to the National Biosecurity Plan.
- (b) Personnel in the establishments shall have access to basic training in biosecurity relevant to poultry production and understand the implications to animal health, human health, food safety and environment.
- (c) All establishments shall keep farm records, which shall be maintained on an individual flock/herd basis and shall include data on animal health, production, medications, vaccination, mortality, morbidity, and surveillance to enhance disease traceability.
- (d) In hatcheries, the records shall include data on fertility, hatchability, vaccination and treatments. Records shall be maintained on cleaning and disinfection of farm and hatchery buildings and equipment.
- (e) The records shall be readily available for inspection on site by Veterinary Authorities
- (f) Monitoring of animal health on the establishment shall be under the supervision of a Veterinary Authority.
- (g) To avoid the development of antimicrobial resistance, antimicrobial agents shall be used according to prescriptions under the directions of the Veterinary Surgeons.
- (h) Establishments shall be free from unwanted vegetation and debris that could attract or harbour pests.
- (2) Any violation of the above provisions on biosecurity shall attract a penalty of not less than ₦100,000, depending on the size of the farm or hatchery (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 20 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XIII — ANIMAL WELFARE

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 21: Duty to Protect Animal Welfare.**

- (1) A person who has an animal in his or her possession or under his or her control shall, having regard to the animal's nature, type, species, breed, development, adaptation, domestication, physiological and behavioural needs and environment, and in accordance with established experience and scientific knowledge, take all necessary steps to ensure that —
- (a) the animal is kept and treated in a manner that,—
 - (i) safeguards the health and welfare of the animal, and
 - (ii) does not threaten the health or welfare of the animal or another animal, and
 - (b) all buildings, gates, fences, hedges, boundary walls and other structures used to contain the animal are constructed and maintained in a manner so that they do not cause injury or unnecessary suffering to the animal.
 - (c) anyone that violates the above provisions of this section is liable, on conviction, to a fine not less than, in the case of a first offender, ~~₦50,000~~ or three months imprisonment or both; and subsequent offenders to a fine of not less than ₦150,000 or 6 months imprisonment or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 21 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 22: Prohibition on Animal Cruelty.**

- (1) A person shall not:
- (a) beats, kicks, over-rides, over-drives, over-loads, tortures or otherwise treats any animal so as to subject it to unnecessary pain or suffering or other causes, or being the owner, permits any animal to be so treated; or
 - (b) employs any unfit animal by reason of its age or disease condition, or infirmity, wound, sore, or other causes, to work or; being the owner, permits any such unfit animal to be so employed; or
 - (c) willfully and unreasonably administers any injurious drug or substance to any animal or willfully and unreasonably causes or attempts to cause any such drug or substance to be taken by any animal or;
 - (d) conveys or carries, whether in or upon any vehicle or other means of transport any animal in such a manner or position as to subject it to unnecessary pain or suffering; or

- (e) confines animal in any cage or other receptacle which does not measure sufficiently in height, length and breadth to permit the animal a reasonable space for movement; or keeps for an unreasonable time any animal chained or tethered upon an unreasonably short or unreasonably heavy chain or cord; or
 - (f) being the owner, neglects to exercise or cause to be exercised reasonably any dog habitually chained up or kept in close confinement; or
 - (g) being the owner of (any animal) fails to provide such animal with sufficient food, water or adequate shelter; or
 - (h) without reasonable cause, abandons any animal in circumstances that renders it likely to suffer pain by reason of starvation, thirst; or
 - (i) offers for sale or without reasonable cause, has in his possession any animal which is suffering pain by reason of mutilation, starvation, thirst, overcrowding or other ill treatment; or
 - (j) cause any animal or kills any animal (including stray animals) by using the method of strychnine injections, in the heart or in any other unnecessarily cruel manner; or solely with a view to providing entertainment; or
 - (k) confines or causes to be confined any animal (including tying of an animal as a bait for wildlife) so as to make it an object or prey for any other animal; or
 - (l) organises, uses or acts in the management or, any place for animal fighting or for the purpose of baiting any animal or permits or offers any place to be so used or receives money for the admission of any other person to any place kept or used for any such purposes; or
 - (m) promotes or takes part in any shooting match or competition wherein animals are released from captivity for the purpose of such shooting;
- (2) For the purposes of Subsection (1) of this Section, an owner shall be deemed to have committed an offence if such a person has failed to exercise reasonable care and supervision with a view to the prevention of such offence;
- (3) Anyone who violates any of the provisions in subsection (1) of this Section, on conviction, shall be liable, in the case of a first offender, to a fine of not less than ₦50,000 or three months imprisonment or both; and subsequent offenders to a fine of not less than ₦150,000 or 6 months imprisonment or both.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall apply to:
- (a) dehorning of cattle, or castration or branding or nose-roping of any animal in the prescribed manner; or
 - (b) destruction of stray dogs in lethal chambers or by such other methods as may be prescribed; or

- (c) extermination or destruction of any animal under the authority of any law for the time being in force; or
 - (d) commission or omission of any act in the course of the destruction or the preparation for destruction of any animal as food for mankind unless such destruction or preparation was accompanied by the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering.
- (5) Where the owner of an animal is convicted of an offence under subsection (3) of this section, it shall be lawful for the court, if satisfied that it would be cruel to keep the animal alive, to direct that the animal be destroyed and to assign the animals to any Veterinary authority for that purpose, and the person to whom such animal is so assigned shall as soon as possible, destroy such animal or cause such animal to be destroyed in his presence without unnecessary suffering; and any reasonable expense incurred in destroying the animal may be ordered by the court to be recovered from the owner as if it were a fine:
- (6) When any Magistrate, Commissioner of Police or Divisional Police Officer, Superintendent of Police or any other law enforcement agents has reason to believe that an offence under subsection 3 of this Section has been committed in respect of any animal, he may direct the immediate destruction of the animal, if in his opinion, it would be cruel to keep the animal alive and order for the arrest of the offender for prosecution.
- (7) Any Police Officer or any law enforcement officer above the rank of a constable or its equivalents, or any person authorised by the State Government in this behalf who finds any animal so diseased or so severely injured or in such a physical condition that in his opinion it cannot be removed without cruelty, may, if the owner is absent or refuses his consent to the destruction of the animal, forth with summon the Veterinary Officer in charge of the area in which the animal is found, and if the Veterinary Officer certifies that the animal is severely or mortally injured in such a physical condition that it would be cruel to keep it alive, The Police Officer or the authorized person, as the case may be, may after obtaining the authorization of the Veterinary Surgeon, destroy the animal injured or cause it to be destroyed in such manner as may be prescribed (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno - Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 22 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: Experimentation Animals.

- (1) Nothing contained in this Bill shall render unlawful the performance of experiments including experiments involving surgical/invasive procedures on animals for the purpose of advancement of knowledge which will be useful for saving or for prolonging life or alleviating suffering or for combating any disease, whether of human beings, animals or plants.
- (2) There shall be established a National Council on Animal Welfare (NCAW), charged with the overall responsibilities of formulating a National Standard for the use and care of animals and implementing policies on matters concerning the general care and use of animals in research, teaching and mandatory testing of products or other scientific purposes in Nigeria.
- (3) The Council shall be chaired by the Chief Veterinary officer of Nigeria (CVON), and other members shall include a representative of the following:

- (i) Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA)
 - (ii) Veterinary Council of Nigeria
 - (iii) Nigerian Medical Association (NMA)
 - (iii) Federal Ministry of Science and Technology
 - (iv) Social Scientist
 - (v) Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN)
 - (vi) Animal Welfare Movements or Animal Related Non-Governmental organisation (NGO)
 - (vii) Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS)
 - (viii) Deans of Faculties of Veterinary Medicine
 - (ix) Nigeria Institute of Medical Research
 - (x) National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI)
 - (xi) Directors of Veterinary Services of the States
 - (xii) Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Services (NAQS)
 - (xiii) Nigerian Institute of Pharmaceutical Research and Development
 - (xiv) Nigerian Police Force
 - (xv) Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON)
 - (xvi) Other Security Agencies
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Council to take all such measures as may be necessary to prevent the unnecessary use of animals in experiments, and where animals are used, ethical and humane care shall be provided so as to minimise or eliminate pain or suffering before, during or after the performance of experiments on them, and for these purpose, it may by notification in the Gazette of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and subject to the condition of previous publication, make such rules as it may deem fit in relation to the conduct of such experiments.
- (5) If the Council is satisfied, on the report of any Officer or other person made to it as a result of any inspection that the rules made by it under this section are not being complied with, the Council may, after giving an opportunity to the person or institution carrying out experiments on animals to make a presentation, may by order, prohibit the person or institution from carrying on such experiments either for a specified period or indefinitely, or may allow the person or institution to carry on such experiments subject to such special conditions as the Council may deem fit.
- (6) Any establishment (tertiary institutions, research institutions, agencies, laboratories, government or private), and other facilities using animals in any form of research, scientific studies, teaching, products and drug or cosmetic testing shall establish and register an Institutional Animal Use and

Care Committees (AUCC) or Animal Ethics Committees (AEC) with the responsibilities of administering the care and use of animals to meet the institution's needs.

- (7) The AUCC or AEC Coordinator shall be responsible directly to the Head/Chief Executive Officer of the institution. The institution shall ensure that the Coordinator and members of the Committee receive the necessary training. The Coordinator can be appointed either on full or part-time capacity depending on the workload of the institution. Through the AUCC or AEC, the institution shall ensure that all animal users and caregivers are informed of and comply with all policies and procedures of the National standard for the use and care of animals for scientific purposes.
- (8) The AUCC or AEC shall be chaired by a Veterinary Surgeon.
- (9) The AUCC or AEC shall submit regular report of their activities to NCAW (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 23 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Responsible Pet Ownership.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the person that owns a pet or pets to accept responsibility for that pet, and for any offspring it may produce, for the duration of its life or until a subsequent owner is found.
- (2) The owner shall ensure that the welfare of the pet, including behavioural needs, are respected and the pet is protected from infectious diseases and unwanted reproduction.
- (3) The States DVS shall ensure that pet owners register their pets, preferably with permanent identification such as microchip, and such information shall be forwarded to the National Animal Health Database domiciled in the office of the CVON.
- (4) All reasonable steps should be taken by Pet owners to ensure that the pets does not roam out of control in such a manner that does not endanger or constitute nuisance to humans, other animals, and the environment.
- (5) Every pet owner or breeder shall control the movement of his pets by leashing or putting them in comfortable housing.
- (6) Such uncontrolled or stray dogs shall be captured and confined for either destruction or for other therapeutic measures under the supervision of a State DVS or any Veterinary Surgeon. In the event of the latter, the owner shall bear the full cost of both confinement and treatment.
- (7) Any person who violates the above subsections of this Section shall be liable, for a first time offender, to a fine of less than ₦50,000 or one month imprisonment or both. Anyone who commits such offence for the second time or more shall be liable to not less than a fine of ₦100,000 or two months imprisonment or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 24 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XIV — RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 25: Rabies Prevention and Control.

- (1) It shall be the duty of dog and cat owner(s) to vaccinate their animals against rabies on annual basis.
- (2) Vaccination shall be done by a Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Paraprofessional under his supervision
- (3) A dog owner shall be fully responsible for the legal and financial consequences of bites inflicted by his dog or dogs on any person or animal.
- (4) Any person who violates the above subsection (1), (2) and (3) of this Section 25 shall be liable, on conviction, for a first time offender, to a fine of less than ₦1000,000 or three month imprisonment or both. Anyone who commits such offence for the second time or more shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not less than ₦300,000 or 6 months imprisonment or both (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 25 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XV — PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DISEASES OF BEES

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 26: Prevention and Control of Diseases of Bees.

- (1) In order to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases and parasites harmful to bees, and the introduction of genetically undesirable germplasm of bees; and the importation and exportation of bees, bee semen, brood-combs, used apicultural equipment, honey and other bee products from other countries into Nigeria are prohibited, except under the permit (International Veterinary Certificate) issued by the office of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON).
- (2) In furtherance of subsection (1), permit shall only be granted to import bees from countries —
 - (a) certified to be free of diseases or parasites harmful to bees, and undesirable species or subspecies of bees, and
 - (b) that have in operation precautions adequate to prevent the importation of bees from other countries where harmful diseases or parasites or undesirable species or subspecies of bees exist.
- (3) Bee semen and other hive products may be imported into Nigeria only after the issuance of permit, as stated in Schedules 16 of this Bill, by the CVON; after he might have certified them:
 - (a) to be free from diseases and undesirable species or subspecies of bees, and
 - (b) to have in operation precautions adequate to prevent the importation of beeseimen and other hive products from other countries where harmful diseases or parasite species or undesirable bees exist.

- (4) In order to prevent the transmission of diseases and parasites harmful to bees from Nigeria to other countries, the exportation of bees to other countries is prohibited, except with permit (International Veterinary Certificate) issued by the CVON as stated in Schedule 16.
- (5) The CVON and the State Directors of Veterinary Services (DVS) shall ensure regular official sanitary surveillance of apiaries in their respective jurisdictions.
- (6) To control endemic bee diseases within the country, detect incursions of exotic diseases and ensure safe international trade of bees, bee products and apicultural equipment; the CVON in collaboration with the State DVS shall:
 - (a) register and assign Unique Identification Numbers to all apiaries and hive products within the country
 - (b) carry out annual audit of registered apiaries and hive products.
 - (c) ensure permanent health surveillance of Apiaries;
 - (d) approve apiaries and establishments for export trade;
 - (e) apply hygiene measures, comprising, in particular, treatment of colonies of bees, as well as disinfection of the equipment and possibly the destruction of affected or suspect colonies and of the contaminated equipment so as to ensure rapid eradication of any outbreak of a disease
- (8) Any suspicion of the listed diseases of bees in the apiary, as stipulated in schedule 1 to this Bill, shall immediately be brought to the notice of the State DVS or CVON. Failure to comply to the provisions of this section, on conviction, the offender shall be liable to not less than ₦200,000 or one (1) year imprisonment or both
- (9) No person shall transport bees and Apicultural equipment within the country without a Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the State DVS.
- (10) Non compliance with the provision of subsection (9) shall attract seizure of the bees and equipment with possible destruction as the case may be. The person found guilty of this offence shall be liable to a fine of not less than ₦200,000 or to a minimum of one (1) year imprisonment or both.
- (11) The Minister shall by this Bill make regulations for the development and review of the National Residue Monitoring Plan required for export of honey and other beehive products.
- (12) Any person who violates any provision of subsections (1) and (4) above or any regulation issued under it, is guilty of an offence against the State, and shall, on conviction, be liable to pay a fine of not less than ₦300,000 or minimum of two (2) years imprisonment or both. There shall be seizure and destruction of the affected products at the expense of the importers. (Hon. Mohamad Aliu Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that Clause 26 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XVI — TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 27: Prevention and Control of Transboundary and Zoonotic Animal Diseases.**

- (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) shall ensure that disease-free animals are imported or exported into or out of the country respectively through the issuance of International Veterinary Certificate duly authenticated by him as indicated in Schedule 5:
- (2) In order to further enhance the security of the document and the integrity of the veterinary certification processes, the CVON shall have the power to use paper certifications (as contained in the schedules to this Bill) or their electronic versions for movements and imports of live animals and products of animal origins within and out of the country.
- (3) The disease prevention and control measures, which shall be determined by the CVON shall apply to the following:
 - (i) Transboundary animal diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Avian Influenza (AI), African Swine Fever (ASF), Peste des Petit Ruminant (PPR), Newcastle Disease, and Contagious Bovine Pleuro Pneumonia (CBPP) and other emerging and re-emerging diseases.
 - (ii) Zoonotic diseases such as Bovine Tuberculosis, Anthrax, Brucellosis, Rabies and other emerging and re-emerging diseases (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that Clause 27 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XVII — AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 28: Aquatic Animal Disease Diagnosis, Surveillance and Notification.**

- (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) shall be the competent authority responsible for the diagnosis, control, prevention and management of diseases of fish and other aquatic animals, and also for food safety assurance of food products of animal origins.
- (2) Only registered Veterinary Surgeons with the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN) shall be the competent persons under the Act to diagnose diseases of aquatic animals including fish.
- (3) Registered Veterinary Surgeons and qualified Veterinary Paraprofessionals, under their supervision, shall be the competent persons under this Bill to carry out aquatic animal diseases prevention and control measures as stipulated in subsection (1) of this Section.
- (4) The CVON shall set national guidelines for the detection, prevention and control of aquatic animal diseases.
- (5) The CVON shall be the sole competent authority for the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes on aquatic (fish and aquatic life) health surveillance and other epidemiological activities on transboundary aquatic diseases prevention and control.

- (6) The State Directors of Fisheries shall, from time to time, duly report on suspected diseases of fish and other aquatic animals encountered within their jurisdictions to the State DVS for proper diagnosis, treatment and control.
- (7) It shall be the responsibility of State Directors of Veterinary Services to transmit aquatic animal health/epidemiological data to the National Animal Health Database in the office of the Director/Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON), for necessary actions.
- (8) In the event of an outbreak of disease of fish or any other aquatic animals in a location, the owner or the person in charge shall notify the State DVS or his representative for appropriate actions.
- (9) The CVON shall have an integrated surveillance system for aquatic animals in Nigeria.
- (10)
 - (i) Any person who contravenes the provision of subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be liable on conviction to three (3) years imprisonment or to a fine of ₦500,000 or both.
 - (ii) Any aquatic farm owner or the person in charge who contravenes the provision of subsection (8) of this Section shall equally be liable to one year (1) imprisonment or liable to pay a fine of ₦100,000 or both; and may in addition such farm shall be sealed off; and before it is reopened, pay for the cost of controlling such disease outbreak in that farm and its adjoining environment (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 28 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XVIII — ANIMAL DISEASES CONTINGENCY AND PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 29: Animal Disease Contingency and Preparedness Plan.

- (1) The Director/ Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) shall make provisions:
 - (i) that are required for the design and implementation of national contingency plan(s) for specified diseases.
 - (ii) for establishing a list of diseases for which actions are needed, definitions of how such diseases should be managed if detected, provisions for access to infected/suspected sites, and other legal provisions, as may be required.
- (2) The CVON shall provide information on the staff required to undertake the control measures, their responsibilities, and instructions on the chain of command.
- (3) The contingency and disease preparedness plan(s) must establish necessary training programmes so as to ensure that skills in field, administrative and diagnostic procedures are maintained.

- (4) In the event of outbreak, the CVON shall order the restriction of the movement of animals and products originating from the establishments or where relevant, the restricted zones or compartments, where the outbreak or the hazard occurred, and on means of transport and other material that may have come into contact with those animals or products (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 29 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XIX — NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH CONTINGENCY AND EMERGENCY FUND

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 30: National Animal Health Contingency and Emergency Fund.

- (1) There shall be established a National Animal Health Emergency Fund for the response to outbreaks of Transboundary (terrestrial and aquatic) Animal Diseases (TADs) and Zoonotic diseases. This fund shall be administered and supervised by the Honourable Minister.
- (2) The source of the national animal health emergency fund shall be from the National Ecological Fund, health levies on imported animals and animal products, and 0.5% of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federal Government.
- (3) This fund shall be used for payment of compensation to owners of condemned diseased animals and also disease control activities.
- (4) The Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services shall serve as both the secretariat and coordinating centre for all activities relating to animal health emergencies in the country (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 30 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XX — COMPENSATION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 31: Compensation.

- (1) In the event of epidemic of animal diseases which are highly transmissible, trans-boundary, and are also of public health, trade, economic and social significance including emerging and re-emerging diseases compensation may be paid to the owner. Compensation may be paid for any animal which is culled or any part thereof, of the carcass; which is destroyed as disease containment measures under this Bill; and as may be agreed upon by States and Federal government and in line with existing government policies.
- (2) Compensation may be paid in respect of depopulated animals, eggs and feeds destroyed to farmers whose farms are duly registered with the State Director of Veterinary Services(DVS). It shall be the responsibility of the State DVS to forward registration information to the National Animal Health database in the office of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria(CVON).
- (3) Owners of animal farms shall take up appropriate insurance scheme to protect their investments. Insurance scheme for animals and other animal farms is a pre-requisite for annual registration. It shall be the responsibility of concerned State DVS to forward such information, from time to time, to the office of the CVON.

- (4) Claims for compensation in respect of registered live animal markets to facilitate prompt depopulation in the event of disease outbreaks shall be jointly determined by the Federal Government and the affected State Governments.
- (5) Where any animal is slaughtered or any hides and skin or other part of any carcass is destroyed, a certificate by a Veterinary Officer that such animal or hides and skin or other part of the diseased carcass shall be accepted as conclusive proof thereof in any legal proceedings.
- (6) The compensation which may be paid in respect of an animal slaughtered or any hides and skin or part of a carcass destroyed in accordance with the provisions of this Bill shall not exceed the current market value of the animal or hides and skin or part of the carcass immediately before it was slaughtered or destroyed.
- (7) Claims for compensation shall be made in writings by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the State DVS to the Minister through the CVON (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 31 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXI — PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL PESTS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 32: Detection, Prevention and Control of Transboundary Animal Pests.

- (1) The Director/ Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) shall be responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes for the detection, prevention and control of transboundary and migratory animal pests.
- (2) The CVON shall provide guidelines for:
 - (a) the surveillance, sensitization, advocacy, control and monitoring of transboundary and migratory animal pests.
 - (b) importation and exportation of Veterinary pesticides in and out of the country as stated in Schedule 15 of the Act.
 - (c) the safe handling of Veterinary pesticides with emphasis on the use of Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) and calibration of the equipments, transportation of Veterinary pesticides, disposal of Veterinary pesticide containers, storage of Veterinary pesticides, preventive measures or precautions or first aids
- (3) The CVON shall ensure that sufficient quantities of Veterinary pesticides and other accessories / ingredients as well as a buffer stock are always maintained for the control of transboundary animal and aquatic pests
- (4) No person shall acquire and apply Veterinary pesticides, fungicides, poison, insecticides and other such chemicals on wild and domestic terrestrial and aquatic animals without the approval of the State Directors of Veterinary Services (DVS) or his authorised officer(s).

- (5) The CVON shall put in place early warning system and shall inform the relevant stakeholders of the risks of introduction and spread of transboundary animal pests, and shall thereafter take appropriate actions to prevent and control the pests in the country.
- (6) The CVON through the School of Pest Control under his Office shall train and certify pest control personnel that will be involved in animal pest control activities across the country
- (7) Any person who violates the use and safe handling, storage and disposal of pesticides used for animal pests shall be made to forfeit the items, and pay, on conviction, a fine of not less than ₦200,000 or one year imprisonment or both. In addition, pay for the cost of proper disposal and decontamination thereafter (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 32 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXII — ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL DISEASES CONTROL
AND PREVENTION MEASURES

Clause 33: Enforcement of Animal Diseases Control and Prevention Measures.

- (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) or State Director of Veterinary Services (DVS) shall have the power to form a taskforce or inspection team for the enforcement of all legislations on animal diseases.
- (2) Every public or private Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Paraprofessionals shall be immunised against vaccine - preventable diseases (rabies, hepatitis, and others) as and when due (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 33 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXIII — FOOD SAFETY (CONTROL OF THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS
AGENTS AND RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS AND VETERINARY
PESTICIDES IN FOOD ANIMALS, MEDICATED ANIMAL FEEDS,
FEED ADDITIVES AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS)

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 34: Disease Prevention and Control through Food of Animal Origin.

- (1) The CVON shall provide guidelines for the recording of all significant animal and public health events that occur during primary production;
- (2) Movement of consignments of animal and animal products into and out of the country shall be accompanied with International Veterinary Certificate duly authorised by the CVON.
- (3) The CVON shall provide guidelines for the inspection of animal processing facilities as pre-requisites for export of products from such facilities. The amount of fees to be charged for such inspection shall be determined, from time to time by the office of the Director through the Quality Assurance and Standards Division of the Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 34 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 35: Control of Hazards and Antimicrobial Resistance in Terrestrial and Aquatic Animals, Animal Feeds, Feed Additives and Animal Products.**

- (1) All premises involved in the manufacture, compounding, storage and handling of medicated feed and feed ingredients shall be registered by the State Director of Veterinary Services (DVS) and their staff adequately trained and be made aware of their role and responsibility in preventing contamination and the introduction or spread of hazards.
- (2) The Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) shall put in place veterinary inspection team for the enforcement of guidelines for the proper use of medicaments such as antibiotic, probiotic, supplements and hormones and other animal feed formulation.
- (3) It shall be the duty of CVON in conjunction with other States DVS to carry out enlightenment and awareness programmes, from time to time, in order to educate the relevant stakeholders on different types of hazards that can exist in aquatic or terrestrial animal feeds such as biological hazards (viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites); or chemical hazards, which can be naturally occurring chemicals (mycotoxins, gossypol and free radicals), industrial and environmental hazards (such as heavy metals, dioxins) and residues of Veterinary drugs and pesticides as well as radionuclides; or physical hazards that may occur in feeds and feeding ingredients including foreign objects (pieces of glass, metals, plastic or wood).
- (4) The CVON shall put in place Veterinary inspection team for the enforcement of sanitary as well as disease control and prevention guidelines for the prevention, and monitoring of diseases pathogens, antimicrobial and drugs residues in terrestrial and aquatic animal feeds and also in animals and animal products.
- (5) The CVON shall :
 - (a) establish food safety standards in aquaculture for local consumption and safety.
 - (b) control antibiotic usage in farmed fish/aquaculture
 - (c) conduct sampling and analysis of seafood such as crabs, shrimps and frozen fish products for export or for local consumption
 - (d) ensure that an animal health or veterinary certificate accompany imported frozen fish or other aquatic animals or animal products.
- (6) Any person found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction to have contravened the above subsections (1) - (4) of Section 34 of this Bill, shall be liable to a fine of not less than one hundred thousand (₦100,000) or three (3) months imprisonment or both; and such premises shall be sealed, and the affected feeds seized and destroyed at owner's expense (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno – Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 35 stands part of the Bill – Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 36: The Use and Administration of Veterinary Drugs in Veterinary Clinics, Animal Farms and Wildlife.**

- (1) It shall be the duty of State DVS to monitor and prevent the abuse of the use and administration of veterinary drugs in both government and privately owned veterinary hospitals and clinics, abattoirs, animal farms, fish farms and aquaculture, and among the wildlife in their respective States.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the State DVS to forward information based on the activities in subsection (1) of this section, on quarterly basis, to the National Animal Health Database in the office of CVON.
- (3) Only Veterinary Surgeons registered with Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN), and also with the State DVS, in his/her state or town of operation, or Veterinary Paraprofessionals working under the supervision of registered Veterinary Surgeons, are duly permitted under this Bill to handle and administer veterinary drugs and Veterinary biologics, whether in veterinary hospitals and clinics, animal farms, abattoirs, or among wildlife or in any place whatsoever.
- (4) Every animal farm shall have, at least, a registered consulting or resident Veterinary Surgeon in its employ. This shall be a condition precedent for the annual registration of such farms in any part of the country.
- (5) It shall be the duty of Veterinary Surgeon - in - charge to ensure that such farm is free from all forms of biological, chemical or physical hazards. He or she shall take all necessary measures to address hazards, especially biohazards on the farms at their corresponding control points as stated in Appendix 1 to this Bill.
- (6) Any person found guilty by court of competent jurisdiction to have contravened subsection three (3) above shall be liable to a fine of one million naira (₦1,000,000.00) or imprisonment of 5 years or both.
- (7) Any owner or operator of animal farm found guilty by court of competent jurisdiction to have contravened subsection four (4) above shall be liable, on conviction, to a minimum term of six (6) months or to a fine not less than three hundred thousand (₦300,000.00) naira in case of first offender, and second or more violations of the above subsection will cause the farm to be sealed off and the animals therein forcefully depopulated (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 36 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXIV — HIDES AND SKIN INSPECTION AND MONITORING**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 37: Prevention and Control of Diseases Affecting Animal Hides and Skin.**

In order to prevent diseases and irreparable damages to hides and skins of domestic animals which are used as raw materials for the production of leathers and leather products, the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) shall, from time to time, provide guidelines for the conduct of surveillance, prevention, control, and treatments of diseases affecting the hides and skins of animals such as anthrax, dermatophilosis, lumpy skin diseases, sarcoptic mange, mites, lice, flies, and host of others (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 37 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 38: Prohibition of The Use of Unlicensed Premises.

- (1) No person shall use any premises or enclosure as a place for the buying of or the preparation of hides and skin for export, unless such premises or enclosures are licensed by the Director of Veterinary Services (DVS) of that State in which the premises are situated.
- (2) A Veterinary Inspector or any person authorised for such purpose, may stop any person whom he has reason to believe is carrying hides and skin or he may stop any vehicle, boat or any other means of transport that he has reason to believe is being used to transport hides and skin and thereupon inspect the hides and skin (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 38 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXV — NATIONAL ONE HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 39: National One Health Advisory Committee.

- (1) The Honourable Minister on recommendation of Director / Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) shall constitute a 15 - member National One Health Advisory Committee.
- (2) The Committee shall be chaired by the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON), and membership of the Committee shall comprise of agencies/establishments such as:
 - (i) Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Services (NAQs),
 - (ii) Federal Department of Fisheries
 - (iii) Head of Veterinary Directorate of National Food Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
 - (iv) National Biotechnology Development Centre
 - (v) National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI)
 - (vi) Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN)
 - (vii) Federal Ministry of Health
 - (viii) National Environment Standards Regulatory and Enforcement Agency (NESREA)
 - (ix) representative of Inspector General of Police
 - (x) representative of Comptroller General of Customs Service
 - (xi) representative of Committee of Directors of Veterinary Services in Nigeria
 - (xii) representative of the Director of Animal Quarantine Service

- (xiii) Federal Ministry of Information
- (xiv) and one (1) other relevant agency/establishment to be determined by the Chairman of the committee.
- (3) The objectives of the committee are as follows:
 - (a) to improve inter-agencies and inter-sectoral collaboration in the management, prevention and control of zoonotic diseases; including emerging and re-emerging zoonoses
 - (b) to minimise associated dangers to human health, animal health; and protect the environment and biodiversity in a "one health" approach;
 - (c) to support the collation, harmonization and timely dissemination of animal health related information, based on one health concept, to relevant stakeholders for action;
 - (d) to support economic and human development by delivering timely, quality information and services to allow for the management of risks to terrestrial and aquatic animal health and welfare;
 - (e) to improve conditions for disease control and international trade, improved health security and food safety;
- (4) The Committee shall meet quarterly (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 39 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXVI — ADMINISTRATION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 40: Powers of the Minister.

- (1) The Minister may make regulations:

- (a) prohibiting or restricting the importation by land, sea or air, either generally or from any specified country or place, of any animal, animal products/commodities, Veterinary biologics, pet food, product of Veterinary biotechnology or any other thing by means of which diseases or infectious agents may be carried by establishing any other agency for the purpose of implementing/enforcing the provisions of this Bill;
- (b) prohibiting or restricting the exportation by land, sea or air either generally or to any specified country or place, of any animal or animal commodities, Veterinary biologics, or any other thing by means of which diseases or infectious agents may be carried;
- (c) regulating the movement of animals for the purpose of trade and commerce between Nigeria and international borders, in order to prevent the spread of diseases, through the direct administration by the Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services, in collaboration with the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service (NAQS).

- (d) for the declaration of any disease of national and economic importance and taking measures to control or eradicate such disease.
- (e) regulating the importation, exportation, manufacturing, licensing, distribution, sale, usage and advertisement of Veterinary biologics, semen, products of Veterinary biotechnology, Veterinary medical devices, pet foods, medicated feeds and feed additives.
- (f) on surveillance/monitoring for veterinary drugs and pesticide residues in animal products/commodities
- (g) on enforcement of any disease control policy of the country (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 40 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 41: The Responsibilities of Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON).

- (1) The most senior Veterinary Officer/Director, Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services shall be the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON), and the official Delegate of Nigeria at the World Assembly of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
- (2) The responsibilities of Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria shall include:
 - (a) to develop a pathogen list (aquatic and terrestrial), and review national policies on major animal diseases of public health and socio-economic importance;
 - (b) to ensure implementation of national animal diseases control and eradication measures and plans including emergency situations for both aquatic and terrestrial animals
 - (c) having the sole authority for granting certifications for animals and animal products being imported into or exported out of the country respectively; and the only reporting authority to World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), and other relevant national, regional and international organisations;
 - (d) ensures compliance with the OIE international standards on terrestrial and aquatic animal health and welfare, and wildlife;
 - (e) to institute regulatory mechanism to control and restrict inter-state movements of animals and animal products during major animal disease outbreaks;
 - (f) to grant annual operational licenses for slaughter houses designated for international trade in animals and animal products;
 - (g) to formulate national policies on animal welfare that ensures responsible rearing, handling and transportation of animal species;

- (h) to formulate policies on meat inspection, meat transportation, abattoir by products processing in conjunction with the State for the purpose of disease prevention, data collation and information dissemination;
- (i) to put in place policies that will facilitate detection, identification and response of emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases of pandemic and bioterrorism potentials, and also regulate the handling of potentially harmful biological agents and products that can be used for bioterrorism;
- (j) to ensure compliance with OIE recommendations concerning trade measures, procedures and certifications in the light of World Trade Organisation (WTO) Agreement on Trade Facilitation while maintaining vigilance in area of control measures;
- (k) to facilitate public - private partnerships for efficient and effective veterinary and pest control service delivery;
- (l) to ensure sharing of data and information on animal diseases, disease surveillance, livestock demography with national, regional and international organisations.
- (m) to maintain physical and digital repositories of veterinary legislations (Federal and State and Local Government legislations) for public and stakeholders' access, and cross - referencing of the legislations.
- (n) to conduct, from time to time, a systemic review and catalogue existing veterinary related legislations with a view of strengthening veterinary governance in the country.
- (o) reserves the power to add, modify, amend or update, some of the technical and administrative procedures/requirements of certifications and other related matters in the annexes and schedules to this Bill.
- (p) institute implementing regulations or enforcement and regulatory mechanisms for the implementation of the provisions of this Bill,
- (q) ensure an effective national animal disease reporting framework
- (r) delegate responsibilities in the implementation of animal health, veterinary public health and food safety of products of animal origin to the State Directors of Veterinary Services, as the need arises.
- (s) maintain, at any given time, basic veterinary and pest control stockpiles to respond to emergency animal diseases and pest situations.
- (t) develop and implement , in conjunction with other relevant stakeholders, guidelines for the protection of animals against diseases during national emergencies such as flood, forced migration of people and animals, and so on.

- (u) develop and implement safety protocols and guidelines that will prevent animals from consuming feeds and water contaminated with lead poisoning or other heavy metals; and also treat, in case of contamination.
- (v) there shall be establishment of a standard international laboratory/sampling of seafood for export for the purpose of diagnosis of Fish and aquatic diseases.
- (w) introduction of policies and regulations for the effective control and management of diseases of fish and other aquatic animals
- (x) setting of guidelines for routine fish farm disease prevention and control visitations
- (y) maintaining and updating the aquatic and terrestrial data content of the National Animal Health Information Systems (NAHIS) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 41 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 42: Delegated Authority.

- (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) shall delegate, from time to time, some of his duties to the States Directors of Veterinary Services (DVS).
- (2) The States DVS shall report, from time to time, to the CVON in respect of such delegated duties (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 42 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXVII — DESIGNATED OFFICIAL LABORATORIES

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 43: Designated Official Laboratories.

- (1) The designated reference laboratory for diagnosis of animal diseases in Nigeria is the National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI), Vom, Plateau State.
- (2) The Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) in conjunction with the National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI) and Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN), shall for the purposes of animal diseases prevention, eradication and control:
 - (a) regulate the establishment of veterinary laboratories in Nigeria;
 - (b) register private veterinary laboratories and harmonisation of laboratory protocols and standard operating procedure (SOP)
 - (c) develop and sustain national veterinary laboratory network and sharing of samples and expertise;

- (d) carry out quality assurance on imported biologics to determine their potency and suitability before being distributed to the end users or relevant bodies (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 43 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXVIII — REGULATIONS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 44: Regulations.

- (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) or State Director of Veterinary Services, as the case may be, subject to the approval of the Minister or Commissioner, make regulations:-
- (a) providing for the examinations, testing, isolation, inoculation, removal, disinfection, branding and slaughter of animals infected or suspected of being infected with any disease or such animal which may have been in contact with any diseased animal;
 - (b) prescribing and regulating the destruction, burial, digging up, disposal or treatment of any carcass or of any fodder, litter utensils, pens, hurdles, faeces or any other thing being in contaminated premises or removed therefrom;
 - (c) regulating the movement of animals and animal product/commodity within a State.
 - (d) prohibiting the movement of animals into an area in which there is suspected to be any disease, and for prohibiting or restricting the removal from any such area of any animal, carcass, litter, fodder, animal product/commodity, Veterinary biologics or any other thing by means of which disease may be carried;
 - (e) declaring any area to be a controlled area for purposes connected with the control of any disease and for eradicating such disease from such area and for preventing its introduction or re-introduction thereto, and for prohibiting and restricting the movement of any animal from any such area;
 - (f) the disinfection of persons, including the clothing of persons, who have been in contact with or employed within premises where animals are suffering or suspected to be suffering from disease;
 - (g) for the reporting of cases of disease or deaths amongst animals;
 - (h) for the disinfection of buildings or places wherein animals infected with disease have been confined or kept, and the disinfection and cleaning of public markets, private sale yards, airports and seaports, railway premises, railway vans, trucks and carriages wherein any animal shall have been placed, kept or carried;
 - (i) prohibiting the performance of any local custom or any practice likely to lead to the dissemination of such disease in any place where disease exists;

- (j) requiring or regulating the branding of animals and, prescribing the brands which may or shall be used and providing for the registration of brands;
 - (k) for the appointment of officers to carry out the provisions of any regulations made under this Bill and conferring upon them all necessary powers;
 - (l) prescribing and regulating the seizure, detention, disposal and forfeiture of any animal, animal product/ commodity, Veterinary biologics or product of Veterinary biotechnology in relation to which any breach of any regulation under this Bill or of any order or instructions under any such regulation has been committed and for determining the person who shall be liable to defray the expenses of such seizure, detention, and disposal;
 - (m) prescribing the fees to be paid for any examination, inoculation, testing, disinfection, or for any certificate, license, permit or other things issued or done under any regulation made under this Bill, and the payment to be made for the feeding and stabling of any animal in quarantine;
 - (n) prescribing the cases in which compensation may be paid to the owners of any animal slaughtered, or to the owners of any carcass destroyed because it is suspected of being infected with disease, under powers conferred by any provision of this Bill and determining the amount of such compensation and the funds out of which such compensation shall be paid;
 - (o) prescribing the proof required that an animal infected with disease causing agents or carcass or other products contaminated;
 - (p) prescribing and regulating the construction, position and proper sanitary maintenance of any place where an animal is kept; and
 - (q) providing for the control and prevention of the introduction and spread of any transboundary or zoonotic disease and for giving effect to the purposes of this Bill.
 - (r) prohibiting, and also putting in place further control measures in order to discourage the importation into Nigeria of bees and bee semen from sources suspected not to be free from diseases or parasites harmful to bees, and undesirable species or subspecies of bees.
- (2) Any regulations made under this Bill shall have effect from the date of its publication in the Gazette or such later date as may be specified therein (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Ngarzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 44 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXIX — GENERAL OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 45: General Offences and Penalties.

- (1) A person who:

- (a) removes from isolation or detention any animal, animal product, restricted material or any other thing that has been isolated or is being detained under any provision of this Bill, without the written authority of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) or State Director of Veterinary Services (DVS);
- (b) obstructs or hinders a Veterinary authority or its authorised person from performing any function under this Bill;
- (c) refuses or fails to comply with any prohibition, restriction or obligation, or any condition relating thereto, contained in a prescribed measure that applies to person or any animal, animal product restricted material or other thing belonging to or in the control of the person;
- (d) refuses or fails to comply with a condition or requirement subject to which a permit, certificate, authority, consent or other proof of assent or approval has been issued under this Bill;
- (e) refuses or fails to comply with a directive of a Veterinary authority as regards animal diseases prevention and control ;
- (f) refuses or fails to comply with a request of a Veterinary authority to render reasonable assistance for the purpose of carrying out an inspection;
- (g) refuses or fails to provide information or give an explanation or an answer to a question lawfully required or furnishes information that is false or misleading, knowing that it is false or misleading;
- (h) damages, destroys or otherwise tampers with any sample taken or any object seized under this Bill;
- (i) damages, removes or otherwise tampers with any conveyance, appliance, instrument, tool, equipment, remedy or any other object belonging to or under the supervision or custody of a Veterinary authority or any other person to perform any function in terms of this Bill with or in connection with any object or, in the case of any animal, injures it, or removes it without the consent of any person, or otherwise interferes with it;
- (j) alters or forges in any way any permit, certificate, consent or other proof of assent or approval that is issued or rendered under this Bill, or obtains document or any other decision that is required or permitted to be given, from a Veterinary authority under false pretences;
- (k) with the intent to evade any provision of this Bill, uses a document that has been altered or forged as contemplated in paragraph (j);
- (l) damages, destroys, moves, removes, erases, alters or otherwise tampers with any beacon, mark or seal that has, under any provision of this Bill, been installed or affixed on, or in connection with, any animal, animal product, restricted material or any other thing;

- (m) performs any act for which a permit, consent or authority or other document is required under this Bill, without permit, consent, authority or document having been issued, granted or given to him or her in respect thereof;
 - (n) obtains, or aids and abets any other person to obtain, by means of false representations, any compensation under this Bill;
 - (o) contravenes any provision of a prescribed measure, or fails to comply therewith, commits an offence.
- (2) A person convicted of an offence under subsection (1) of this Section is liable —
- (a) to a fine not less than ₦500,000 or to a term of imprisonment not less than three years, or to both such fine and imprisonment; or
 - (b) in the case of a second or subsequent convictions, whether the same or any other offence referred to in subsection (1) of this Section, to a fine not exceeding ₦1,000,000.00 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years, or to both such fine and imprisonment (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 45 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXX — PRESUMPTIONS AND EVIDENCE

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 46: Presumptions and Evidence.

- (1) In any prosecution for any offence under this Bill —
- (a) it is presumed, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that any sample taken from an animal or thing in terms of this Bill is representative of that population, animal or thing from which it was taken and that the animal or thing has the same properties as that sample;
 - (b) any document purporting to be certified by the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) or State Directors of Veterinary Services (DVS), to the effect that it is a true copy of the document to which the proceedings relate, is admissible as evidence in a court without any further proof or the production of the original document;
 - (c) any declaration or other document that purports to have been issued by the government, or any competent authority in any foreign State is prima facie evidence of declaration or of the event, action or facts stated therein and is, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, admissible as evidence in any court.
- (2) When an owner or person in charge of any animal suffering from disease is charged with an offence against any of the provisions of this Bill, he shall be presumed to have known of such diseased animal unless he satisfies the court that he had no such knowledge and could not within reasonable time have obtained such knowledge (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 46 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXXI — ARBITRATION (SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES)

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 47: Arbitration.

Parties to civil or commercial or investment related - disputes or breach of contractual obligations, as contained in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the parties, under this Bill may jointly elect to resolve their disputes through arbitral proceedings and awards in line with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, LFN, 2004 (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 47 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXXII — REPEAL AND RE-ENACTMENT

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 48: Repeal and Re-enactment.

The Animal Diseases (Control) Act 1988 is repealed and Re-enacted as the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, 2018 (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 48 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XXXIII — INTERPRETATION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 49: Interpretation.

In this Bill unless the Context Otherwise requires:

“Animals” means horse, mule, donkey, camel, cattle, cow, bull, bullock, heifer and calf, buffalo, sheep, goat, swine, dog, cat, laboratory animal, wild animal species and for purposes of this Bill includes bird, rabbit and poultry, bees, fish, Molluscs and crustaceans (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “Animal” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“Animal Identification” means the combination of the identification and registration of an animal individually, with a unique identifier, or collectively by its epidemiological unit or group, with a unique group identifier (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Animal Identification” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“Animal Identification System” means the inclusion and linking of components such as identification of establishments/owners, the person(s) responsible for the animal(s), movements and other records with animal identification (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Animal Identification System” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Animal Products" means egg, milk, semen or any other part of the animal (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno - Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Animal Products" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Animal Traceability" means the ability to follow an animal, animal products or group of animals during all stages of its life (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno - Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Animal Traceability" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Animal Welfare" means how an animal is coping with the conditions in which it lives. An animal is in a good state of welfare if (as indicated by scientific evidence) it is healthy, comfortable, well nourished, safe, able to express innate behaviour, and if it is not suffering from unpleasant states such as pain, fear and distress. Good animal welfare requires disease prevention and veterinary treatment, appropriate shelter, management, nutrition, humane handling and humane slaughter/killing (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno - Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Animal Welfare" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Antimicrobial Agent" means a naturally occurring, semi-synthetic or synthetic substance that exhibits antimicrobial activity (kills or inhibits the growth of micro organisms) at concentrations attainable in vivo. Anthelmintics and substances classified as disinfectants or antiseptics are excluded from this definition (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno - Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Antimicrobial Agent" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Apiary" means a beehive or group of beehives whose management allows them to be considered as a single epidemiological unit (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno - Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Apiary" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Approved" means officially approved, accredited or registered by the Veterinary Authority (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno - Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Approved" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Aquaculture" means the farming of aquatic animals with some sort of intervention in the rearing process to enhance production, such as regular stocking, feeding, protection from predators, etc. (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno - Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Aquaculture" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Aquaculture Establishment" means an establishment in which fish, mollusks or crustaceans for breeding, stocking or marketing are raised or kept (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Aquaculture Establishment" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Aquatic Animals" means all life stages (including eggs and gametes) of fish, mollusks, crustaceans and amphibians originating from aquaculture establishments or removed from the wild, for farming purposes, for release into the environment, for human consumption or for ornamental purposes (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Aquatic Animals" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Area" means an area to which this Bill applies (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Area" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Artificial Insemination Centre" means a facility approved by the Veterinary Authority and which meets the conditions for the collection, processing and/or storage of semen (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Artificial Insemination Centre" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Authorized Officer" means any officer including a Veterinary Surgeon in private practice, authorized by the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) or State Director of Veterinary Services (DVS), either in writing or by notice in the Gazette, to perform a duty or to exercise a power in relation to which the expression is used (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Authorized Officer" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Beehive" means a structure for the keeping of honey bee colonies that is being used for that purpose, including frameless hives, fixed frame hives and all designs of moveable frame hives (including nucleus hives), but not including packages or cages used to confine bees for the purpose of transport or isolation (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Beehive" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Bee" means all life stages and the germ plasm of bees of any specie, except bee semen. It also means all types of bees including honeybees, stingless bees and bumble bees (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Bee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Beehive Products" include honey, beeswax, bee venom, Honey-bee collected pollen, brood combs, propolis and royal jelly (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Beehive Products" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Biosecurity" means a set of management and physical measures designed to reduce the risk of introduction, establishment and spread of animal diseases, infections or infestations to, from and within an animal population (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Biosecurity" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Carcass" means the carcass of any animal and includes part of a carcass and the meat, bone, hide, skin, hoof, horn, wool, hair, blood, offal or any other part of animal separately or otherwise or any part thereof (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Carcass" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Case" means an individual animal infected by a pathogenic agent, with or without clinical signs (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Case" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON)" means the Director, the most senior Veterinary Officer, who has the overall responsibility of the Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON)" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Cites" means Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Cites" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Commercial Farm" means a farm where a flock of poultry or other animals are raised for the purpose of sale and distribution (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Commercial Farm" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Commissioner" means a Commissioner of a State charged with the responsibility for matters relating to animal health and production (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Commissioner" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Commodity" means animals, products of animal origin intended for human consumption, for animal breeding, for pharmaceutical or surgical or for agricultural or industrial use, semen, egg powder, embryos/ova, biological products and pathological material (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Commodity" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Compartment" means an animal subpopulation contained in one or more establishments under a common biosecurity management system with a distinct health status with respect to a specific disease or specific diseases for which required surveillance, control and biosecurity measures have been applied for the purpose of international trade (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Compartment" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Competent Authority" means the Veterinary Authority having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations based on OIE guidelines (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Competent Authority" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Contamination" means the unwanted presence of a material, infectious agent or product in a feed or feed ingredient that is potentially harmful to animal or public health or restricted under current regulations (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Contamination" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Control Post" means an established area along trade cattle routes at international and inter-State borders or within the States with facilities for inspection, examination, vaccination and treatment of trade animals (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Control Post" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Chicks" means birds aged not more than 8 weeks after breeding (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Chicks" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Disease" means the clinical or pathological manifestation of infection or infestation (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Disease" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Disinfection" means the application, after thorough cleansing, of procedures intended to destroy the infectious or parasitic agents of animal diseases, including zoonoses; this applies to premises, vehicles and different objects which may have been directly or indirectly contaminated (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Disinfection" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Disinfestation" means the application of procedures intended to eliminate infestation (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Disinfestation" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Eggs" means hatchable and non-hatchable eggs (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Eggs" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Experimentation" means the process of performing a scientific procedure, especially in a laboratory, to determine something (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Experimentation" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Epidemiological Unit" means a group of animals with a defined epidemiological relationship that share approximately the same likelihood of exposure to a pathogen. This may be because they share a common environment (e.g. animals in a pen), or because of common management practices. Usually, this is a herd or a flock. However, an epidemiological unit may also refer to groups such as animals belonging to residents of a village, or animals sharing a communal animal handling facility. The epidemiological relationship may differ from disease to disease, or even strain to strain of the pathogen (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Epidemiological Unit" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Eradication" means the elimination of a pathogenic agent from a country or zone (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Eradication" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Establishment" means the premises in which animals are kept (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Establishment" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Exporting Country" means a country from which commodities are sent to another country (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Exporting Country" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Feed" means any material (single or multiple), whether processed, semi-processed or raw, which is intended to be fed directly to terrestrial or aquatic animals (except bees) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Feed" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Feed Additive" means any intentionally added ingredient not normally consumed as feed by itself, whether or not it has nutritional value or other effect on the animal, which affects the characteristics of feed or of the animal products. Microorganisms, enzymes, pH regulators, trace elements, vitamins and other products fall within the scope of this definition depending on the purpose of use and method of administration. This excludes veterinary drugs (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Feed Additive" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Feed Ingredient" means a component part or constituent of any combination or mixture making up a feed, whether or not it has a nutritional value in the animal's diet, including feed additives. Ingredients are of plant (including aquatic plants) or terrestrial or aquatic animal origin, or other organic or inorganic substances (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Feed Ingredient" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Feral Animal" means an animal of a domesticated species that now lives without direct human supervision or control (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Feral Animal" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Free Compartment" means a compartment in which the absence of the animal pathogen causing the disease under consideration has been demonstrated by all requirements specified in the OIE Terrestrial Code for free status being met (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Free Compartment" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Free Zone" means a zone in which the absence of the disease under consideration has been demonstrated by the requirements specified in the OIE Terrestrial Code for free status being met. Within the zone and at its borders, appropriate official veterinary control is effectively applied for animals and animal products, and their transportation (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Free Zone" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Hatchery" means an establishment where poultry eggs are incubated and hatched for the purposes of sale and distribution (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Hatchery" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Herd" means a number of animals of one kind kept together under human control or a congregation of gregarious wild animals. For the purposes of the Terrestrial Code, a herd is usually regarded as an epidemiological unit (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Herd" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Importing Country" means a country that is the final destination to which commodities are sent (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Importing Country" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Incidence" means the number of new cases or outbreaks of a disease that occur in a population at risk in a particular geographical area within a defined time interval (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Incidence" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Incubation Period" means the longest period which elapses between the introduction of the pathogen into the animal and the occurrence of the first clinical signs of the disease (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Incubation Period" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Infection" means the entry and development or multiplication of an infectious agent in the body of humans or animals (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Infection" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Infectious Agent" means any organism such as virus, bacteria, fungus, protozoa, helminth, or their vectors causing disease in animals (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Infectious Agent" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Infective Period" means the longest period during which an affected animal can be a source of infection (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Infective Period" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Infestation" means the external invasion or colonization of animals or their immediate surroundings by arthropods, which may cause disease or are potential vectors of infectious agents (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Infestation" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Inspection Station" means an established area within a State along the cattle route with facilities for inspection and examination of trade animals (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Inspection Station" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"International Certificate" means a certificate, issued in conformity with the provisions of the O.I.E terrestrial and aquatic animal health codes (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "International Certificate" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"International College of Veterinary Pharmacy (ICVP)" is the certification board of International Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists (SVHP) (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "International College of Veterinary Pharmacy (ICVP)" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"International Trade" means importation, exportation and transit of commodities (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "International Trade" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"International Veterinary Certificate" means a certificate (permit), issued by the office of Director, Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services, Abuja; describing the animal health and/or public health requirements which are fulfilled by the exported commodities (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "International Veterinary Certificate" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Killing" means any procedure which causes the death of an animal (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Killing" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Listed Disease" means a disease, infection or infestation listed, after adoption by the World Assembly of OIE Delegates or the list of diseases in the OIE terrestrial and aquatic codes and this Animal Disease (Control) Act (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Listed Disease" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Local Government" shall be deemed to include the Chairman, the Secretary and the staff of the Veterinary Department of a Local Government Area (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Local Government" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Meat (Fresh)" means meat that has not been subjected to any treatment irreversibly modifying its organoleptic and physicochemical characteristics. This includes frozen meat, chilled meat, minced meat and mechanically recovered meat (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Meat (Fresh)" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Meat and Bone Meat" means the solid products obtained when animal tissues are rendered, and includes any intermediate protein product other than peptides of a molecular weight less than 10,000 daltons and amino acids (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Meat and Bone Meat" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Meat Products" means meat that has been subjected to a treatment irreversibly modifying its organoleptic and physicochemical characteristics (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Meat Products" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister of the Federal Government charged with the responsibility for matters relating to animal health and production (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Minister" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Monitoring" means the intermittent performance and analysis of routine measurements and observations, aimed at detecting changes in the environment or health status of a population or means the continuous investigation of a given population or sub population, and its environment, to detect changes in the prevalence of a disease or characteristics of a pathogenic agent (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Monitoring" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"National Animal Health Database" means an internet-based computer system that collects, collates and analyzes terrestrial and aquatic animal health related information for appropriate use by the relevant stakeholders (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "National Animal Health Database" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Notifiable Disease" means a disease listed by the Veterinary Authority, and that, as soon as detected or suspected, should be brought to the attention of this Authority, in accordance with national regulations (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Notifiable Disease" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Notification" means the procedure by which:

- (a) the Veterinary Authority informs the Headquarters,
- (b) the Headquarters inform the Veterinary Authority,

of the occurrence of an outbreak of disease or infection (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Notification" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Other purposes" means animals intended for use in breeding, transhumance, sports, park and other recreational purposes (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Other purposes" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Outbreak" means the occurrence of one or more cases in an epidemiological unit or the occurrence of one or more cases of a disease listed by the OIE (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Outbreak" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Pets" means any animal kept primarily for a person's company, protection, or entertainment rather than as a working animal, livestock, or laboratory animal (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Pets" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Population" means a group of units sharing a common defined characteristic (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Population" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Premises" means house, tenement, land, farm, hatchery and includes veterinary and agro-allied products shop/mart, veterinary establishment, rail wagon, motor vehicle, river or ocean going vessel or aircraft (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Premises" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Products of Biotechnology or Genetically Modified Organisms" are products whose genetic material has been altered in a way, which does not occur naturally through multiplication and/or natural recombination (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Products of Biotechnology or Genetically Modified Organisms" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Quarantine Station" means a designated place where animals with their boxes, rugs, kennels and other appurtenances which have come from infected or suspected to be infected countries or areas are detained at the frontiers, ports of entry or at other officially designated areas where they are temporarily kept before being allowed to mix with local stock or for restricting the movement of local stock infected or suspected to be infected with disease while under observation, disinfection and treatment (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Quarantine Station" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Registration" is the action by which information on animals (such as identification, animal health, movement, certification, epidemiology, establishments) is collected, recorded, securely stored and made appropriately accessible and able to be utilised by the Competent Authority (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Registration" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Responsible Dog Ownership" means the situation whereby a person accepts and commits to perform various duties in accordance with the legislation in place and focused on the satisfaction of the behavioural, environmental and physical needs of a dog and on the prevention of risks (aggression, disease transmission or injuries) that the dog may pose to the community, other animals or the environment (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Responsible Dog Ownership" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Risk" means the likelihood of the occurrence and the likely magnitude of the biological and economic consequences of an adverse event or effect to animal or human health (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Risk" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Sanitary Measure" means a measure destined to protect animal or human health or life within the territory of the Member Country from risks arising from the entry, establishment and/or spread of a hazard (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Sanitary Measure" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Slaughter" means any procedure which causes the death of an animal by bleeding (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Slaughter" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Slaughter house/Abattoir" means premises, including facilities for moving or lairaging animals, used for the slaughter of animals to produce animal products and approved by the Veterinary Services or other Competent Authority (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Slaughterhouse/Abattoir" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists (SVHP)" is an international organization comprised of pharmacists working exclusively in the veterinary field, primarily at veterinary teaching hospitals in colleges of veterinary medicine in United States, Canada, the Netherlands, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand and other parts of the world. Membership as a Fellow is restricted to those licensed pharmacists practising in a veterinary institutional setting providing professional service, teaching and/or research. Associate membership is open to Pharmacists, Veterinarians or other associated animal health professionals who have an interest in Veterinary Pharmacy. Many of the fellows in this Society hold faculty positions with colleges of veterinary medicine and colleges of pharmacy in their respective countries, where they are instrumental in instructing both veterinary and pharmacy students about the medications used in animals (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists (SVHP)" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Specific Surveillance" means the surveillance targeted to a specific disease or infection (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Specific Surveillance" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“State Director of Veterinary Services” means a Veterinary Officer appointed by the State Government charged with the overall responsibility for matters relating to animal health and production (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “State Director of Veterinary Services” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“Stray Dog” means any dog not under direct control by a person or not prevented from roaming. Types of stray dog:

- (a) free-roaming owned dog not under direct control or restriction at a particular time,
- (b) free-roaming dog with no owner,
- (c) feral dog: domestic dog that has reverted to the wild state and is no longer directly dependent upon humans (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Stray Dog” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“Surveillance” means the systematic ongoing collection, collation, and analysis of information related to animal health and the timely dissemination of information so that action can be taken (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “Surveillance” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“Terrestrial Code” means the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Terrestrial Code” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“Traces (Trade Control and Expert System)” is a trans-European web-based application which allows to notify, certify and monitor imports, exports and intra-European trade in animals and products of animal origin. It manages the veterinary certificates, including the deployment of digital signatures that are legally required for transporting animals and products of animal origin. TRACES can be defined as paper certificates stored, in a structured manner, in a central database and accessible via a web application. Apart from certification, other functionalities of TRACES include notification, decision support and inspection tracking (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Traces (Trade Control and Expert System)” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“Trade Animal” means cattle, sheep, goat and camel, horse, donkey, pig, intended for slaughter or for use as a pack animal whether coming overland or by air or sea from any place outside Nigeria or purchased in and intended to be moved out of an area; but does not include cattle proceeding to grazing ground, and not intended for sale or for use as park animals (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Trade Animal" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs)" means those epidemic diseases which are highly contagious or transmissible and have the potential for very rapid spread, irrespective of national borders, causing serious socio-economic and possibly public health consequences (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs)" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Vaccination" means the successful immunisation of susceptible animals through the administration in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the Terrestrial Manual, where relevant, of a vaccine comprising antigens appropriate to the disease to be controlled (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Vaccination" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Vector" means an insect or any living carrier that transports an infectious agent from an infected individual to a susceptible individual or its food or immediate surroundings. The organism may or may not pass through a development cycle within the vector (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Vector" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Authority" means the Governmental Authority of a Member Country, comprising veterinarians, other professionals and paraprofessionals, having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations in the Terrestrial Code in the whole territory (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Authority" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Biologics" means any viruses, serums, toxins and analogous products of natural or synthetic origin, including genetically modified organisms, diagnostics, antitoxins, vaccines, live micro-organisms, killed micro-organisms and the antigenic or immunising component of micro-organisms intended for use in the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of diseases of animals and birds, or for purposes of research in animals or birds (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Biologics" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Drug Residues" means the parent drugs, metabolites, decomposition products or associated impurities that remain in the final edible animal product (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Drug Residues" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Legislation" means laws, regulations and all associated legal instruments that pertain to the veterinary domain (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Legislation" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Medical Devices" means instruments used for veterinary diagnosis, prevention and treatment of animal diseases as well as for production and restraint of animals (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Medical Devices" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Medicinal Product" means any product with approved claim(s) to having a prophylactic, therapeutic or diagnostic effect or to alter physiological functions when administered or applied to an animal (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Medicinal Product" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Officer" means a veterinary surgeon in the service of the Federal, State or Local government (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Officer" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Para-Professional" means a person who is authorised by the veterinary council of Nigeria to carry out certain designated tasks delegated to them under the responsibility and direction of a veterinarian (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Para-Professional" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Pesticides" means any substance intended for: preventing, destroying, attracting, repelling or controlling animal pests during the production, storage, transport, distribution and processing of animal commodities, animal feeds or which may be administered to animals for the control of ectoparasites (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Pesticides" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Pharmacists" is an animal health professional with advanced training related to the use of veterinary pharmaceutical products. He is involved with dispensing drugs, intended for animal use, that have been prescribed by a Veterinary doctor, and provide information to clients with regard to dosage and safety concerns, providing compounding services, ensuring that all regulatory directives are properly followed, taking inventory, and supervising pharmacy technicians or other support staff members (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Pharmacists" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Practising Premises/Establishments" these include veterinary clinic, veterinary pharmacy, veterinary hospital, veterinary diagnostic laboratory, manufacturing companies of veterinary drugs/biologics and household practice (where a veterinary surgeon practices) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Practising Premises/Establishments" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Practising Premises/Establishments" include Veterinary Clinics, Veterinary Pharmacy, Veterinary Hospitals, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Manufacturing Companies of Veterinary Drugs/Biologics, and Household Practice (where a Veterinary Surgeon practice) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Practising Premises/Establishments" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Products" means any substances, extracts, herbal preparation, chemical or compound that is registered and labelled for any use, application for treatment of animal diseases, enhancement of animal growth, supplementation of animal feeds, disinfection of livestock premises and preservation of animal products (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Products" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Services" means the governmental and non-governmental organisations that implement animal health and welfare measures and other standards and recommendations in the OIE Terrestrial and Aquatic Animal Health Codes in the country (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Services" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Veterinary Surgeon" means a professional veterinarian duly registered to practice by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Veterinary Surgeon" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Wild Animal" means an animal that has a phenotype unaffected by human selection and lives independent of direct human supervision or control (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Wild Animal" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Wildlife" means feral animals, captive wild animals and wild animals (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Wildlife" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Zoonosis" means a disease that can be transmitted from animals to people or, more specifically, a disease that normally exists in animals but that can infect humans (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Zoonosis" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 49 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 50: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Animal Diseases Control (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 682, HB. 1268 and HB. 140) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 50 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE I

ANIMAL DISEASES

- * Anthrax
- * Aujeszky's disease
- * Echinococcosis/hydatidosis
- * Heartwater
- * Leptospirosis
- * Q fever
- * Rabies
- * Paratuberculosis "
- * New world screw worm (*Cochliomyia homnivorax*)
- * Old world screw worm (*Chrysomya bezziana*)
- * Trichinellosis
- * Foot and mouth disease
- * Vesicular stomatitis
- * Lumpy skin disease
- * Blue tongue
- * Rift valley fever
- * Bovine anaplasmosis
- * Bovine babesiosis
- * Bovine brucellosis

- * Bovine genital campylobacteriosis
- * Bovine tuberculosis
- * Bovine cysticercosis
- * Dermatophilosis
- * Enzootic bovine leukosis
- * Haemorrhagic septicaemia
- * Infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis
- * Theileriosis
- * Trichomonosis
- * Trypanosomosis (tsetse-transmitted)
- * Malignant catarrhal fever
- * Bovine spongiform encephalopathy
- * Rinderpest
- * Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia
- * Actinobacillosis
- * Actinomycosis
- * Black quarter
- * Botulism
- * Bovine farcy
- * Ovine epididymitis (**Brucella ovis**)
- * Caprine and ovine brucellosis (excluding **B. ovis**)
- * Caprine arthritis/encephalitis
- * Contagious agalactia
- * Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia
- * Enzootic abortion of ewes (ovine chlamydiosis)
- * Ovine pulmonary adenomatosis
- * Nairobi sheep disease
- * Salmonellosis (**S. enteritidis**)
- * Scrapie
- * Maedi-visna
- * Peste des petit ruminants
- * Sheep pox and goat pox
- * Contagious equine metritis
- * Dourine
- * Epizootic lymphangitis
- * Equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and western)
- * Equine infectious anaemia
- * Equine influenza
- * Equine piroplasmiasis
- * Equine rhinopneumonitis
- * Glanders
- * Horse pox
- * Equine viral arteritis
- * Japanese encephalitis
- * Horse mange
- * Surra (**Trypanosoma evansi**)
- * Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis
- * African horse sickness
- * Meloidosis
- * Atrophic rhinitis of swine
- * Porcine cysticercosis
- * Porcine brucellosis
- * Transmissible gastroenteritis
- * Enterovirus encephalomyelitis
- * Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome
- * Swine vesicular disease

- * African swine fever
- * Classical swine fever
- * Swine vibriotic dysentery
- * Swine erysipelas
- * Avian infectious bronchitis
- * Avian infectious laryngotracheitis
- * Avian tuberculosis
- * Duck virus hepatitis (Duck plaque)
- * Duck virus enteritis
- * Fowl cholera
- * Fowl pox
- * Fowl typhoid
- * Infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease)
- * Marek's disease
- * Avian mycoplasmosis (*M. gallisepticum*)
- * Avian chlamydiosis
- * Pullorum disease
- * Highly pathogenic avian influenza
- * Newcastle disease
- * Avian leucosis complex
- * Coccidiosis
- * Psittacosis and ornithosis
- * Myxomatosis
- * Tularemia
- * Rabbit haemorrhagic disease
- * Acarapisosis
- * American foulbrood of honey bees
- * European foulbrood of honey bees
- * Varroosis of honey bees
- * Tropilaelaps infestation of honey bees
- * Leishmaniasis
- * Canine distemper
- * Canine Parvovirus
- * Canine Hepatitis
- * Canine/Feline Parainfluenza
- * (ii) Fish, Molluscs and Crustaceans/Viral haemorrhagic septicemia
- * Infectious pancreatic necrosis
- * Spring viraemia of carp
- * Infectious haematopoietic necrosis
- * Bacterial kidney disease (*Renibacterium salmoninarum*)
- * Channel catfish virus disease
- * Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis
- * Enteric septicemia of catfish (*Edwardsiella ictaluri*)
- * Onchorhynchus masou virus disease
- * Infectious salmon anaemia
- * Epizootic ulcerative syndrome
- * Viral encephalopathy and retinopathy
- * Piscirickettsiosis (*Piscirickettsia salmonis*)
- * Gyrodactylosis (*Gyrodactylus salaris*)
- * Read sea bream iridoviral disease
- * White sturgeon iridoviral disease
- * Infection with *Haplosporidium nelsoni*
- * Infection with *Mikrocytos mackini*
- * Infection with *Bonamia ostreae*
- * Infection with *Bonamia exitiosus*
- * Infection with *Mikrocytos roughleyi*

- * Infection with *Marteilia refringens*
- * Infection with *Marteilia sydneyi*
- * Infection with *Perkinsus marinus*
- * Infection with *Perkinsus olseni/atlancticus*
- * Infection with *Haplosporidium costale*
- * Infection with *Candidatus Xenohaliois californiensis*
- * Taura syndrome
- * White spot disease
- * Yellowhead disease
- * Spherical baculovirus (*Penaeus monodon*-type baculovirus)
- * Tetrahedral baculovirus (*Baculovirus penaei*)
- * Infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis
- * Crayfish plaque (*Aphanomyces astaci*)
- * Spawner-isolated mortality virus diseases (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 2

LIST OF ESSENTIAL VETERINARY DRUGS AND VACCINES

The detailed list of essential veterinary drugs and biologics as contained in the National Veterinary Drugs and Biologics Formulary (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provision of Schedule 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 3

LOCATION OF QUARANTINE STATIONS

1. Lagos — Murtala Mohammed International Airport Apapa and Tin Can Island Sea Port.
2. Kano — Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport.
3. Port Harcourt International Airport and Sea Port.
4. Ilorin International Airport.
5. Calabar International Airport and Sea Port.
6. Warri Sea Port.
7. Maiduguri International Airport.
8. Kaduna International Airport.
9. Jos International Airport.
10. Sokoto — Sultan Abubakar III International Airport.
11. Abuja — Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport.
12. Enugu — Akanu Nnamdi International Airport.
13. Any other air or sea ports in Nigeria as may be declared at any time by the Minister (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provision of Schedule 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 4

LIST OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL POSTS

TARABA STATE

1. Dorof
2. Mayondaga

JIGAWA STATE

1. Maigatari

ADAMAWA STATE

1. Toungo
2. Ganye
3. Gurin
4. Sorau
5. Mubi

BORNO STATE

1. Bama
2. Segel
3. Gamboru/Ngala
4. Dikwa

YOBE STATE

1. Abadan
2. Geidam
3. Gashua
4. Nguru
5. Yusufari

KWARA STATE

1. Okuta/Yashikera

OGUN STATE

1. Idirioko
2. Imeko

LAGOS STATE

1. Seme

KATSINA STATE

1. Jibia
2. Mai'adua
3. Dankama
4. Kanda

ZAMFARA STATE

1. Shinkafi

SOKOTO STATE

1. Sabon Binin
2. Wurno
3. Illela
4. Ruwawuri

KEBBI STATE

1. Sackaka Babba
2. Sack Tambo
3. Unguwar Makara
4. Kangiwa
5. Kamba

CRCSS RIVER STATE

1. Ikom

The above list is in addition to any other area in the Federal Republic of Nigeria that may be declared as an International Control Post by the Minister.

LIST OF INTER-STATE CONTROL POSTS

1. Jebba — Niger State
2. Lokoja — Kogi State
3. Makurdi — Benue State
4. Katsina Ala — Benue State
5. Orokam — Benue State
6. Bode Sa'adu — Kwara State
7. Gada Buke — Nasarawa State
8. Ryom — Plateau State

And any other areas that may be declared as control posts within a State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by the Commissioner (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 5

INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT/EXPORT OF ANIMALS (CANINE, FELINE, BOVINE, BUBALINE, CAPRINE, OVINE, PORCINE, EQUINE, RABBITS, AND WILD LIFE)

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018

Certificate Type

Details of Owner

Name.....

Address (Not P.O. Box)

Phone

E-mail.....

No. of Animals

Intended Date of Travel:

Description of Animal(s)

Species..... Breed.....

Sex.....

Colour.....

Age.....

Identification Marks or No.

Origin of Animal(s):.....

Place of Origin of the Animal (Name and Address)

Country of Origin.....

Destination of Animals:

Destination country:

Name and Address of Consignee:.....

Name of Port of embarkation:

Nature and Identification of Transport (Air/ Sea / Land).....

Name of Port of Entry (Disembarkation).....

Expected Date of Arrival.....

The above animal(s) should be accompanied by individual International Animal Health (Veterinary) Certificates issued by a Government Veterinary Officer or a registered Veterinary practitioner of the country of origin of the animals. The certificate should attest to the health status of the animal(s) as per the sanitary requirements. The International Animal Health (Veterinary) certificate should be in English or translated into English to be authenticated and endorsed by a veterinary surgeon.

The International Animal Health (Veterinary) Certificate should also state to have fulfilled the following conditions for:

- (a) Cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat (Refer to the sanitary requirements for Bovine, Caprine, and Ovine)
- (b) In case of dogs and cats; serological testing for Rabies and any other conditions stipulated by the sanitary requirements.
- (c) In case of wild animals, subject to CITES permit issued by the Federal Ministry of Environment
- (d) Equine, Porcine, and Rabbits Refer to sanitary requirements for specific species

(Signature)

Director/CVON

Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services

Official Stamp

Nigeria

(Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 6

INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT/EXPORT OF CHICKS, TURKEY POULTS, AND EGGS

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018

Certificate type:

Name

Address:

Total number.....
chicks/poults/ducklings/ goselings/Eggs for as per the description given below:

Species:.....

Breed:.....

Sex :

Name and Address of Exporter:

Country of Origin:.....

Name and Address of the Establishment of Origin :

Or of Hatchery :

Port/Date of Embarkation:.....

Nature of Transport:.....

Port of Entry/ Expected Arrival Date.....

In the case of chicks, turkeys/poults, ducklings, or egg they should be accompanied by an International Animal Health (Veterinary) Certificate issued by a government Veterinary Officer or an accredited Veterinary Surgeon of the country of origin of birds/eggs. The certificate should state that the animals (in case of the eggs, the animals who laid the eggs) are clinically free from the diseases and originated from a farm or hatchery which is also free (for the last one year) from the disease mentioned in the sanitary requirements

(Signature)

Director/CVON*Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services*

Official Stamp

Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).*Question that the provisions of Schedule 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.***SCHEDULE 7**

**INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT/EXPORT OF ANIMAL SEMEN
(BOVINE, BUBALINE, EQUINE, OVINE, CAPRINE OR PORCINE SPECIES)**

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018**Certificate Type:**

Name:.....

Address:.....

Tel.....

Email:

Export:

Condition of Shipment :

Port of Embarkation:

I. Information Concerning the Donor Animal (x)

Species:

Breed:

Identification:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Entry in the Herd Book:

Date animal was approved as donor:

II. Information Concerning the Semen (x)

Date and hour of collection:

Quantity and packaging of semen to be exported

Purpose of Semen Importation

III. Origin of the Semen

Name of The Exporter :

Address of Exporter (donor semen collection centre)

Country of origin:

Port of Embarkation:

IV. Destination of the Semen

Name and exact postal address of consignee:

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Nature and identification of means of transportation:

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V. Sanitary requirements

The certificate should attest to the health status of the animals as per the sanitary requirements

Issued at: on:

Official Stamp :

Name and Address of Official Veterinarian:

Signature :

(Signature)

Director*Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services*

Official Stamp

(Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno —
Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).*Question that the provisions of Schedule 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.***SCHEDULE 8****INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT/EXPORT OF
ANIMAL VACCINES, INFECTIOUS AGENTS/TOXINS/SPECIMEN/SAMPLES,
VETERINARY BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS, VETERINARY DRUGS, AND
VETERINARY MEDICAL DEVICES****Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018**

Certificate Type:

Name:

Address:

Phone No.

E-mail:

Importation of Vaccine/Antiserum/Antigen/Antibody/Veterinary Drugs/Veterinary Medical devices
for animals/ birds as per the details given below:**IDENTIFICATION OF THE VACCINE/ANTITOXIN/ANTISERUM/
ANTIGEN/ANTIBODY AND INFECTIOUS AGENTS/SPECIMEN**

- (a) Type or brand Name of Vaccine / Antitoxin/ Antiserum/ Antigen/ Antibody/Veterinary drugs / Veterinary Biologics/ Material/ Veterinary medical devices / Infectious Agent;
- (b) Quantity of Vaccine/Antitoxin/Antiserum/Antigen/Antibody/ Veterinary drugs / Infectious Agents / Samples / Specimen, Veterinary medical devices/ Veterinary biological material /Infectious Agent.
- (c) Production date :
- (d) Exporting country :
- (e) Dosage form/Pack size.

Any imported Veterinary biologics must be accompanied by the following information:

- (a) Manufacturer;
- (b) Batch No/Lot Release;

- (c) Date of Manufacture;
- (d) Date of Issue;
- (e) Expiry Date;
- (f) Shelf Life;
- (g) Composition of —
 - (i) Veterinary Drugs / Vaccines / Veterinary Biologics / Infectious Agents / Toxins / Specimen / Samples (Type Strain/Serotype).
 - (ii) Veterinary Medical devices (Specification).
- (h) Certificate of Analysis (Veterinary drugs, Biologics, Infectious agents, Toxins, Samples, and Specimen);
- (i) Current good manufacturing practice of the Manufacturer/O.I.E Status;
- (j) Certificate of manufacturing and free sale;
- (k) Evidence of registration in the country of origin;
- (l) Power of Attorney (notorised) issued by the manufacturer to the importer;
- (m) Evidence of registration of the responsible technical Veterinarian of the importing company by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN); and
- (n) Availability of cold chain facilities [Yes/No]

(Signed)

Director/CVON

Federal Department of Livestock and Pest Control Services

Abuja

(Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 8 and part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 9

INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT/ EXPORT OF
PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN DESTINED FOR USE IN ANIMAL FEEDING,
OR FOR AGRICULTURAL OR INDUSTRIAL OR PHARMACEUTICAL OR
SURGICAL USE INCLUDING FEED ADDITIVES AND PET FOODS

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018

Certificate Type:

Name:

Address:

Phone No.....

E-mail

IDENTIFICATION OF THE PRODUCTS

Type of product.....

Number of packages.....

Identification Marks.....

Net Weight.....

Registration/Approval Number.....

Name and Address of Importer / Exporter:

Country of Origin of The Product(s):.....

Name and Address of the Establishment of Origin:

In case of Transit (Please indicate) :

Name of Port of Embarkation:.....

Intended Date of Embarkation:

DESTINATION OF THE PRODUCTS

The above mentioned products are being sent from (place of dispatch):

To (country and place of destination):.....

Nature and Identification of means of transport (Air, Land, Sea)

Name of Port of Entry (Disembarkation).....

In addition, the consignment should be accompanied by the following: an International Animal Health (Veterinary) Certificate, Fumigation Certificate, Certificates of Registration, Free Sale and Product Analysis issued by appropriate government regulatory authority of the country of origin. The International Animal Health (Veterinary) Certificate should state that the product(s) are from animals/farms/hatchery/establishment clinically free from the listed diseases mentioned in the sanitary requirements and other conditions stipulated by the Director

(Signature)

Director/CVON

Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services, Abuja.

Official Stamp

Nigeria (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 9 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 10

INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT/ EXPORT OF
MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE,
BUBALINE, EQUINE, CAPRINE OR PORCINE SPECIES OR OF
POULTRY FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018

Certificate Type:

Name.....

Address (Not P.O. Box).....

Phone

E-mail.....

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MEAT/DIARY PRODUCTS

Type or Portions of Meat:

Type of Package:

Number of Objects or Packages.....

Net Weight.....

Registration/Approval Number.....

II. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE MEAT

Address(es) and Number(s) of Veterinary Approval of the Abattoir(s) or Dairy Farms:

Address(es) and Number(s) of Veterinary Approval of the Processing Establishment(s) or Dairy Products:

III. DESTINATION OF THE MEAT/DAIRY PRODUCTS

The meat/dairy products is being sent from (place of dispatch):

To (country and place of destination):

Means of Transport:

Name and Address of Consignor:

Name of Point of Embarkation/Disembarkation

Name and Address of Consignee:

The certificate should attest to the health status of the animals of origin and the condition of the products as per the sanitary requirements

(Signature)

Director/CVON

Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services, Abuja.

Official Stamp

Nigeria (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 10 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 11

TRADE ANIMAL LICENCE (ANNUAL)

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018

Annual licence is hereby granted to:

Name:

Address:

Phone No:

Email:

.....to transport trade animals on hooves, by rail, motor vehicle, river or ocean vessel or by aircraft as per the conditions set out in the Control of Trade Animal Regulations.

This licence is not transferable and expires on the 31st day of December 20,

Not more than 1,000 animal units shall be transported under this licence.

Date of Issue

Official Stamp

Signature

Authorized Officer

ENDORSEMENTS

Vet. Loading Permit No.

Vehicle Identification No.

Animal Species:

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No. of Animals:

.....
Breed:

.....
Male:

.....
Female:

.....
Young ones:

.....
State of Origin:

.....
Date of Departure from State of Origin:

.....
Date touching Last Control Post

.....
Destination:

.....
Intended Use: Slaughter/Breeding:

.....
General Appearance:

.....
Sick if any:

.....
Deaths if any:

.....
Vaccination done:

.....
Vaccination Certificate:

Vaccination Certificate No: Date:

Remarks:

Checked by Initials:

N.B.-Trade Animal Licence (Annual) shall be a printed booklet with 12 Sheets of endorsement forms, One for each calendar month. Further licences will be issued on sighting of expired booklets (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 11 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 12

ANIMAL MOVEMENT LOADING PERMIT

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018

Permission is hereby granted to:

Name:

Address:

Phone No.

Email:

to load for transporting trade animals as per the details given below :-

Trade Animal Licence (Annual) No:

Rail Wagon No:

Motor Vehicle No:

Boat:

Air Craft Ft. No:

From: to:

Route to be followed:

Date of start of journey:

Date of Issue (Official Stamp) *Signature of Authorized Officer*
(Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 12 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 13

PERMIT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS/COMMODITIES

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018

Permission is hereby granted to Name:

Address:

Phone No.

E-mail:

To transport animal commodities/products as per the details given below:

Type of Animal Products:

Rail Wagon No:

Motor Vehicle No:

Boat/Vessel/Ship:

Aircraft Name and Ft. No:

From: to:

Route to be followed:

Date of Start of Journey:

Date of Issue

(Official Stamp)

Signature of Authorized Officer

(Hon. Mohammed Tahir Aongino — Monguno/Marie/Nganzai Federal Constituency)

Question that the provision of Schedule 13 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 14

LICENCE FOR COMMERCIAL FARM/HATCHERY ESTABLISHMENT

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018

A licence is hereby granted to Name:

Address:

Phone No.

E-mail:

for the establishment of a Commercial Farm/Hatchery as per the details given below:

- (1) Location of the Farm/Hatchery
- (2) Name and Address of the Company or other proprietors:
- (3) Starting Date:
- (4) Proposed No. of animals to be kept or Capacity of Hatchery
- (5) Species and Breed:
- (6) Name of the Manager/Supervisor:
- Assistant in the Farm/Hatchery:
- (7) Qualification and Experience of Personnel:
- (8) Name and address of the franchise or supplier of the animals or hatching eggs:

The licence is issued on the conditions set out in the "Control of Commercial Farms and Hatcheries" regulations. The State Director of Veterinary Services or any of his representatives will have power to inspect the farm/hatchery at any time of the day and the proprietor shall maintain the Farm/Hatchery as per the technical instructions offered by the Director of Veterinary Services or his representative. Any additions or disease outbreaks in the farm/hatchery should be notified by the proprietor of the farm/hatchery to the Director of Veterinary Services of the State concerned.

Date:

(Signature)

A Director of Veterinary Services
(Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 14 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 15

IMPORT/EXPORT PERMIT FOR VETERINARY PESTICIDES

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018

Permission is hereby granted to (Importer/Exporter):

Mr./Mrs/Miss/Dr./Chief

Address:

To Import (Tick as appropriate): Yes/No.

To Export (Tick as appropriate): Yes/No.

Name of Pesticide:

Product:

Country of Origin:

Address of Establishment of Origin:

Destination:

Active Ingredients:

Safety Window:

Antidotes:

Uses:

Formulation Rate (Dose/Dosage):

First Aid:

Name of Port of Embarkation:

Date of Embarkation:.....

Nature of Transport (Sea, Air, Land):.....

Condition of Shipment:.....

Port of Entry (Disembarkation):.....

Expected Arrival date:.....

Endorsement of Import/Export Permit at Port of Entry/Arrival:

By: Name and Signature.....

Date and Stamp:.....

Transboundary Pests

1. Tsetse fly
2. Ectoparasites (Insects, Vectors and Migratory Pest e.g. Ticks, Fleas, Lice, etc.)

Date of Issue:.....

Official Stamp:.....

Signature of Authorized Officer:..... (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno
— Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 15 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 16

INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT/EXPORT OF BEES, BROOD-COMBS AND BEE HIVE PRODUCTS

Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018

Name

Address

Phone No.

Email:

IDENTIFICATION

Type of Bee(s) /Product(s)

Number

Breed and variety

Peculiarities(Marks or age or weight or surface, etc.)

Characteristics and Packing material accompanying products

ORIGIN

Name and address of exporter:

.....

Name and address of producing bee-keeper:

.....

Place of origin of the bees, products and material:

DESTINATION

Country of destination:

Name of Consignee:

Address of Consignee:

Nature and identification of means of transport:

Name of Port of Disembarkation:

Name of Port of Embarkation:

Expected Date of Travel:

Attending Veterinary Surgeon

*Signature***Director**

Federal Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services, Abuja.

Official Stamp (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).*Question that the provisions of Schedule 16 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.***SCHEDULE 17****IMPORT/EXPORT PERMIT FOR FISH, FISHERY PRODUCTS AND OTHER
AQUATIC ANIMALS (INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE)****Animal Diseases Control (Amendment) Act, 2018**

Identification

Number:

Country of Dispatch:

Competent:

Authority:

Certifying Body:

(i) Details identifying the fish or fishery products or other aquatic animals

Description of product	Species (scientific name)	State or type of processing	Type of packaging	Lot Identifier/ date code	Number of packages
sum:					

Net weight

Temperature required during storage and Transport: °C

(ii) Provenance of the fish or fishery products or other aquatic animals

Address(es) and/or for the registration number(s) of production establishment(s) authorized for exports by competent authority:

.....

Name and address of consignor:

(iii) Destination of the fish or fishery products or other aquatic animals

The fishery products are to be dispatched from:

.....

(place of dispatch)

to:

(Country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport:

Name of consignee and address at place of destination:

(iv) Attestation

The undersigned certifying officer hereby certifies that:

- (1) The products described above originate from (an) approved establishment(s) that has been approved by, or otherwise determined to be in good regulatory standing with the competent authority in the exporting country and

- (2) have been handled, prepared or processed, identified, stored and transported under a competent HACCP and sanitary programme consistently implemented and in accordance with the requirements laid down in Codex Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (CAC/RCP 52 - 2003)

Done at on, 2.....

(Place)

(Date)

(SEAL)

(Signature of certifying officer)

(Name and official position)

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail: (optional)

APPENDIX 1

HAZARDS AND CORRESPONDING CONTROL POINTS

HAZARDS

CONTROL POINTS

Introduction of pathogens and Contaminants

- Sources of animals (horizontal and vertical transmission)
- Sourcing of breeding stock
- Breeding procedures
- Semen and embryo quality
- Breeding
- Feed and water
- Records of acquisitions and animal movements
- Health and hygiene of visitors and personnel
- Contact with other animal (including wildlife/rodents/insects, etc.)
- Vehicles/clothing/instruments/equipment
- Infected/contaminated carcasses, tissues or secretions

Transmission of pathogens and Contaminants

- Animal housing and population density
- Disease diagnosis (horizontal and vertical transmission)
- Health and hygiene of visitors and personnel
- Vehicles/clothing/instruments/equipment
- Infected/contaminated carcasses, tissues or secretions
- Bedding management
- Insect or pest vectors

Microbial and parasitic infections on Pasture and paddocks Microbial load on skins

- Pasture management
- Microbial/parasite diagnosis
- Environment of animals
- Waste management
- Bedding management
- Population density

Airborne Infections and contaminations	- Farm location - Animal housing and ventilation - Population density
Carrier animals shedding pathogens	- Animal management - Diagnosis - Population density
Increased susceptibility to pathogens	- Animal management (incl. transport) - Diagnosis - Population density
Antimicrobial and parasiticide resistance	- Diagnosis - Therapeutic regimes - Record keeping
Feedborne infections and contaminations	- Feed production, transport and storage - Feed quality - Feed equipment - Record keeping
Waterborne infections and infestations	- Water quality - Effluent management - Watering equipment
Livestock not well adapted conditions	- Breeding selection - Record keeping

HAZARDS**CONTROL POINTS****CHEMICAL HAZARDS**

Chemical contamination of environment
Feed and water

- Farm location
- Animal movement
- use of agricultural chemicals
- Feed and water quality
- Equipment and building material
- Hygiene practices

Toxins of biological origin
(Plants, Fungi, algae)

- Feed, pasture and water quality
- Farm location
- Animal movements
- Feed production, storage and transport

Residues of veterinary medicated and Biological (incl. medicated feed and Water)

- Treatment of animals
- Sales and prescription control
- Record keeping
- Residue control
- Quality of feed and water

Radionuclide pollution

- Farm location
- Sources of feeds and water

PHYSICAL HAZARDS

Broken needles and other
penetrating objects

-Treatment of animals

Injuries

-Farm location
-Infrastructure
-Population density
-Animal handling
-Construction and equipment

Ingestion of dangerous/harmful
objects -Farm location

-Source of feeds and water
-Record keeping
-Construction and equipment
-Infrastructure (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno —
Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 17 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Animal Diseases (Control) Bill for the Purpose of Prevention, Detection, Control, and Eradication of Infectious and Contagious Transboundary and Zoonotic Animal Diseases; the Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance through the Control and Regulation of the Use and Administration of Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Drugs and Chemicals in Animals, Animal Products, and Medicated Animal Feeds as well as the Sales and Distribution of Pet Foods, Veterinary Medical Devices and other Veterinary Products; and for the Enhancement of Animal Welfare and Food Safety; and for Related Matters (HB. 682, HB. 1268 and HB. 140) (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Animal Diseases (Control) Bill for the Purpose of Prevention, Detection, Control, and Eradication of Infectious and Contagious Transboundary and Zoonotic Animal Diseases; the Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance through the Control and Regulation of the Use and Administration of Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Drugs and Chemicals in Animals, Animal Products, and Medicated Animal Feeds as well as the Sales and Distribution of Pet Foods, Veterinary Medical Devices and other Veterinary Products; and for the Enhancement of Animal Welfare and Food Safety; and for Related Matters (HB. 682, HB. 1268 and HB. 140) and approved Clauses 1 - 50, the Schedules, and the Long Title of the Bill.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

16. . Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 27 November, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.47 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker