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[Made under section 59]

PART I

Preliminary

1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as Groundnuts Regulations.

2. Interpretation

- (1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –
“**Act**” means the Food Safety and Quality Act;
“**Competent Person**” has the meaning given to it in the Act;
“**Trade**” includes the sale, distribution, import, export, use of, or other dealing in any article in the course of business;
“**Food Business Operator**” has the meaning given to it in the Act.
- (2) A word or expression used in these Regulations, which is defined in the Act, has the meaning given to it in the Act.

PART II

3. Scope

These Regulations applies to all “stages of production, processing and distribution of groundnuts and groundnut products“ means any stage, from the primary production of a food or feed, its storage, transport, sale or supply to the final consumer and, where relevant, the importation, production, manufacture, storage, transport, distribution, sale and supply of groundnuts and their products.

4. Compliance

Groundnuts and their products intended for human or animal consumption shall be in accordance with guide and standards set out in the schedule.

5. Duties of the Authority to monitor groundnut producers, manufacturers and distributors of groundnuts and groundnut products

The Authority shall monitor compliance of groundnut producers, manufacturers and distributors in accordance with the guides and standards set out in the schedule.

6. Duties of groundnut producers, manufacturers and distributors of groundnuts and groundnut products

A food business operator engaged in producing, manufacturing and distribution of groundnuts or their products shall –

- a) Not expose them to rain, excessive humidity at any stage of its storage, transportation or sale;
- b) Not supply groundnuts or their products for trade purposes unless the practices used to produce, handle, store and transport the products comply with good agricultural practices, good hygienic practices, good manufacturing practices and good storage practices.

PART III

Miscellaneous

7. Offences

A person who contravenes a provision of these Regulations or an order made under these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than ten thousand dalasis and not more than one hundred thousand dalasis or not less than three months and not more than two years imprisonment or to both.

SCHEDULE

[Regulations]

Guides and Standards for compliance

1. General principles of food hygiene [GAMS CAC/RCP 1-1969]
2. Gambian standards for peanuts [Gams Codex Stan 200-1995]
3. Gambian standard on peanut butter [Gams 1-2015]
4. International code of hygienic practice for Groundnuts (Peanuts) [CAC/RCP 22-1979]
5. Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in peanuts [Gams CAC/RCP 55-2004]
6. General Standards for contaminants and toxins in food and feed [Codex Stan 193-1995]
7. Gambian standards for edible fats and oils [Gams Codex Stan 19-1981]