



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 9th April, 2019

1. The Senate met at 10:55 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 2nd April, 2019.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcement:**
Conference Committee:
The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons Bill, 2019:

(i)	Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Kabiru I. Gaya	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Sabo Mohammed	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Jeremiah T. Useni	—	Member
(v)	Senator Rose O. Oko	—	Member
4. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Maritime University of Nigeria Lokoja (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB. 725) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Harmonized Retirement Age for Teachers in Nigeria Bill, 2019 (HB. 1554) — *Read the First Time.*
5. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the following Bills:
 - a. Federal University Uga (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB. 522); and
 - b. Federal Cooperative Colleges Bill, 2019 (SB. 418)(*Senator Jibrin I. Barau — Kano North*).*Question put and agreed to.*
Reports Laid.

6. **Special Joint Committee:**

Report on the Establishment of National Assembly Legislative Museum and Archives:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. **Executive Communication:**

Confirmation of Hon. Omolola Abiola-Edewor as Executive Director (Corporative Services) Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of the Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the Confirmation of Hon. Omolola Abiola-Edewor as Executive Director (Corporative Services) Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within one (1) week.

8. **Committee on Special Duties:**

Report on the Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Board of the North-East Development Commission:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Special Duties on the Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Board of the North-East Development Commission:

S/N	Names	Designation
(i)	Major General Paul Tarfa (Rtd)	Chairman
(ii)	Mohammed Goni Alkali	MD/CEO
(iii)	Musa Umar Yashi	ED. Humanitarian Affairs
(iv)	Muhammed Jawa B.	ED. Admin and Finance
(v)	Omar Maiwada Mohammed	ED. Operation
(vi)	Hon. David Sabo Kente	Member Representing (North East Zone)
(vii)	Asmau Mai-Eka Mohammed	Member Representing (North West Zone)
(viii)	Hon. Benjamin Tilley Adanyi	Member Representing (North Central)
(ix)	Hon. Olawale Oshun	Member Representing (South West)
(x)	Dr. T. E. O Ekechi	Member Representing (South East)
(xi)	Mr. Obasuke Mcdonald	Member Representing (South South)

(*Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Special Duties on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Board of the North-East Development Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Major General Paul Tarfa (<i>Chairman</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(ii)	Mohammed Goni Alkali (<i>MD/CEO</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(iii)	Musa Umar Yashi (<i>ED. Humanitarian Affairs</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(iv)	Muhammed Jawa B. (<i>ED. Admin and Finance</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(v)	Omar Maiwada Mohammed (<i>ED. Operation</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(vi)	Hon. David Sabo Kente (<i>Member Representing North-East Zone</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(vii)	Asmau Mai-Eka Mohammed (<i>Member Representing North-West Zone</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(viii)	Hon. Benjamin Tilley Adanyi (<i>Member Representing North Central</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(ix)	Hon. Olawale Oshun (<i>Member Representing South West</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(x)	Dr. T. E. O Ekechi (<i>Member Representing South- East</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(xi)	Mr. Obasuke Mcdonald (<i>Member Representing South-South</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Special Duties on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Board of the North-East Development Commission and approved the nominations.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Major General Paul Tarfa (*Chairman*) for Appointment as Chairman of the Board of the North-East Development Commission ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Major General Paul Tarfa (Chairman) for Appointment as Chairman of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mohammed Goni Alkali (*MD/CEO*) for Appointment as Managing-Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Board of the North-East Development Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mohammed Goni Alkali (MD/CEO) for Appointment as Managing-Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Musa Umar Yashi (*ED. Humanitarian Affairs*) for Appointment as Executive Director Humanitarian Affairs of the Board of the North-East Development Commission ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Musa Umar Yashi (ED. Humanitarian Affairs) for Appointment as Executive Director Humanitarian Affairs of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Muhammed Jawa B. (*ED. Admin and Finance*) for Appointment as Executive Director Admin and Finance of the Board of the North-East Development Commission ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Muhammed Jawa B. (ED. Admin and Finance) for Appointment as Executive Director Admin and Finance of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Omar Maiwada Mohammed (ED. Operation) for Appointment as Executive Director Operation of the Board of the North-East Development Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Omar Maiwada Mohammed (ED. Operation) for Appointment as Executive Director Operation of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. David Sabo Kente (Member Representing North-East Zone) for Appointment as Member of the Board of the North-East Development Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Hon. David Sabo Kente (Member Representing North-East Zone) for Appointment as Member of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Asmau Mai-Eka Mohammed (Member Representing North-West Zone) for Appointment as Member of the Board of the North-East Development Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Asmau Mai-Eka Mohammed (Member Representing North-West Zone) of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Benjamin Tilley Adanyi (Member Representing North Central) for Appointment as Member of the Board of the North-East Development Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Hon. Benjamin Tilley Adanyi (Member Representing North Central) of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Olawale Oshun (Member Representing South West) for Appointment as Member of the Board of the North-East Development Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Hon. Olawale Oshun (Member Representing South West) of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. T. E. O Ekechi (Member Representing South-East) for Appointment as Member of the Board of the North-East Development Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Dr. T. E. O Ekechi (Member Representing South-East) of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Obasuke McDonald (Member Representing South-South) for Appointment as Member of the Board of the North-East Development Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mr. Obasuke McDonald (Member Representing South-South) of the Board of the North-East Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

9. Committee on Finance:***Report on the 2019-2021 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):***

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Finance on the 2019-2021 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) (Senator John O. Enoh — Cross River Central).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):***Question: CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION***

That the Senate do adopt 2.3mbpd as the daily production output of crude oil in 2019 and it is of the view that the target is achievable due to the continuous effort of all stakeholders in checkmating the issues of oil facilities vandalism and other vices associated with such regard — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):***Question: CRUDE OIL PRICE BENCHMARK***

That the Senate do adopt US\$60.0/b as crude oil benchmark price of the 2019 fiscal year budget — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):***Question: EXCHANGE RATE***

That the Senate do adopt ₦305/1US\$ as the official Exchange rate of the 2019 fiscal year and encourage the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to continue adopting strategies that will aid in the strengthening of the Naira and bridging the gap between the official and parallel market rate of the foreign exchange — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):***Question: DEBT MANAGEMENT/NEW BORROWING***

- a. That the Senate do adopt ₦1.64 trillion as the amount for New Borrowing to fund the budget deficit and advice relevant agencies to continue exploring ways of generating additional revenues for Government to bring down the fiscal deficit. Also, the Federal Government should harness the full optimal potential of the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development in terms of Revenue Generation to minimize the level of New Borrowing
- b. That the Federal Government should consider reducing the granting of waivers and exemptions while ensuring that the Nigerian Customs Service personnel are at all oil terminals for accountability, and the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) should consider increasing Tax on luxury Goods and Services; and
- c. That 20% operating surplus to be remitted by Government owned Enterprises (GOE'S) should be deducted at source — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):***Question: SPECIAL INTERVENTION***

That the ₦500 billion special intervention fund is adopted and enjoin the cooperation of relevant Committees in the National Assembly and other relevant MDAs in ensuring that the funds are judiciously utilized to provide a positive tangible impact of the funds on the Nigerian people — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

(i) CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

That the Senate do adopt 2.3mbpd as the daily production output of crude oil in 2019 and it is of the view that the target is achievable due to the continuous effort of all stakeholders in checkmating the issues of oil facilities vandalism and other vices associated with such regard;

- (ii) **CRUDE OIL PRICE BENCHMARK**
That the Senate do adopt US\$60.0/b as crude oil benchmark price of the 2019 fiscal year budget;
- (iii) **EXCHANGE RATE**
That the Senate do adopt ₦305/1US\$ as the official Exchange rate of the 2019 fiscal year and encourage the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to continue adopting strategies that will aid in the strengthening of the Naira and bridging the gap between the official and parallel market rate of the foreign exchange;
- (iv) **DEBT MANAGEMENT/NEW BORROWING**
- a. That the Senate do adopt ₦1.64 trillion as the amount for New Borrowing to fund the budget deficit and advice relevant agencies to continue exploring ways of generating additional revenues for Government to bring down the fiscal deficit. Also, the Federal Government should harness the full optimal potential of the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development in terms of Revenue Generation to minimize the level of New Borrowing;
 - b. That the Federal Government should consider reducing the granting of waivers and exemptions while ensuring that the Nigerian Customs Service personnel are at all oil terminals for accountability, and the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) should consider increasing Tax on luxury Goods and Services; and
 - c. That 20% operating surplus to be remitted by Government owned Enterprises (GOE'S) should be deducted at source.
- (v) **SPECIAL INTERVENTION**
That the ₦500 billion special intervention fund is adopted and enjoin the cooperation of relevant Committees in the National Assembly and other relevant MDAs in ensuring that the funds are judiciously utilized to provide a positive tangible impact of the funds on the Nigerian people (S/Res/071/04/19).

10. **Technical Committee:**
Report on the Declined Assent to Bills by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **National Institute for Security Studies (NISS) (Establishment etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1583):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Security Studies and for Other Connected Purposes be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion made: Pursuant to Rule 81, that the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Security Studies and for Other Connected Purposes (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY STUDIES AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED PURPOSES

Clause 1: Establishment of International Institute for Security Studies.

- (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Institute for Security Studies (hereinafter referred to in this Bill as "the Institute") which shall have the functions assigned to it by this Bill;
- (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- (3) The National Institute may, for the purposes of its functions, acquire, hold or dispose of property (whether moveable or immoveable).

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Objectives of the Institute.

The Institute shall be guided by the following objects:

- (a) to be a leading centre for the provision of competence and enhanced training for middle and top level managers of security in order to advance the best practices in conflict prevention, mitigation and resolution;
- (b) to contribute uniquely and viably, to the promotion of inter-service, inter-agency and international cooperation, collaboration and harmony among intelligence, security and law enforcement agencies locally and globally in order to achieve national security, regional and global peace;
- (c) to serve as a critical centre for research and dialogue where distinguished academics, policy initiators and implementers meet to cross-fertilize ideas on national and global security issues;
- (d) to add critical balance and objectivity by providing timely, empirical research and contextual analysis of relevant security issues to policy makers, area specialists, advocacy groups, and the media;
- (e) to provide senior level security and law enforcement personnel with the skills and capability for strategic management;
- (f) to provide strategic and critical security training for key public officials from within Nigeria and requesting nations;
- (g) to award the certificate of fellow of security institute (fsi) to the Institute's Executive Intelligence Management Course participants; and
- (h) to be a center for the award of the postgraduate diploma/degree in the field of Intelligence and Security Management;
- (i) to collaborate with Universities or similar institutions which share its objective in the achievement of global peace.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART 2 - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE INSTITUTE**Clause 3: Functions and powers of the Institute.**

- (1) For the purpose of achieving the objectives set out in Section 2 of this Bill, the Institute shall have powers to:

- (a) conduct courses for middle and top level policy makers and executors drawn mainly from the security and law enforcement agencies (national and global) including civilians from related institutions to broaden their security outlook and mainstream human security perspectives into public policy processes in order to influence/guide decision makers within Africa and beyond.
- (b) enter into collaborative ventures, affiliate with and establish linkages with other Institutions within or outside Nigeria for the purpose of building capacity in the Institute;
- (c) participate in, initiate, and contribute to any research, formulae, skill and or technique that will enhance national, global peace and security;
- (d) to receive endowments, donations including professional chairs from interested and philanthropic individuals or organizations who share its peace and security objectives;
- (e) to elevate deserving PhD holders to the rank of Professors in their respective areas of specialization;
- (f) develop and mount programs on all such activities which shall promote excellence in the Institute;
- (g) conduct other action oriented programmes on ad-hoc or regular top level security/law enforcement and risk managers of the rank of Directors (or its equivalent in the military and law enforcement services) with a view to promoting understanding and exchange of views, ideas and experience on security, defence and law enforcement matters;
- (h) to disseminate, by way of publication of books, briefings, policy papers, occasional papers, situation reports, consultations, monographs conferences, lectures, web-based publications expert workshops, seminars, policy briefs, situation reports, roundtable discussions, training materials, courses, lectures, technical assistance, subject to internal quality control process regulated by the Board hereinafter created;
- (i) award certificates on completion of courses which shall authorise a participant, upon successful completion of the program, to use the designated title of 'Fellow of Security Institute' or 'fsi'; and the certificate so awarded shall be at par with the certificate awarded by the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), the National Defence College (NDC) and similar institutions worldwide;
- (j) withdraw participants who, by their academic or moral conduct, the board in its judgment, considers unworthy of the award of fellowship of the Institute;
- (k) to affiliate with credible and relevant universities on programs leading to the award of Masters and Doctor of Philosophy degree to qualified participants; and
- (l) regulate and guide courses and training certificates awarded at the following Department of State Security (DSS) academy or centres:
 - (i) Senior Staff Development Centre, Bauchi,
 - (ii) State Services Academy, Lagos,

- (iii) Staff Development Centre, Kaduna, and
- (iv) any other Institute affiliated to the Institute;
- (m) to host a functional website and other globally recognized media of research and dissemination of knowledge on intelligence, peace and security as approved by the Board;
- (n) provide for a functional Public Relations Department that would promote its objects, enhance collaboration and understanding, promote partnership and mutual assistance among similar Institutes or organs;
- (o) Department of State Security (DSS) shall be the leading institute in research into types, trends, patterns, methodology and typologies into criminal behaviour, criminal activities, modus operandi, psycho-analysis, profiling of criminals affecting the internal security of Nigeria;
- (p) in addition to any other area of security interest, the Institute would focus on terrorism, insurgency, subversion, espionage and sabotage as basic threats to Nigeria's internal security.
- (q) to promote or undertake any other activity which, in the opinion of the Board, is calculated to help achieve the objectives of the Institute.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART 3 - ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 4: Establishment and Functions of the Board.

- (1) The Institute shall have a Board consisting of the following:
 - (i) a retired Director-General from the Intelligence Community - chairman
 - (ii) the National Security Adviser - member;
 - (iii) Permanent Secretary, Special Services Office (SSO) - member
 - (iv) Director-General, State Security Services - member
 - (v) Director-General, National Intelligence Agency (NIA) - member;
 - (vi) Chief of Defence Intelligence (CDI) - member;
 - (vii) Commandant of the National Institute for Security Studies (NISS) - member; and
 - (viii) Director of Administration and Institute Secretary - Secretary of the Board.
- (2) The Board shall have power:
 - (i) to determine the mission, vision and purpose of the Institute;
 - (ii) to formulate policies and set targets for the Institute;
 - (iii) to determine and monitor programmes to be run by the Institute;

- (iv) to select candidates and institutions for course participation at the Institute;
 - (v) to determine and approve budgets, estimates and investment plans of the Institute;
 - (vi) to determine appropriate fees payable by external participants;
 - (vii) to set out guidelines for admission, criteria and requirements for all courses and programs run by the Institute;
 - (viii) to approve the curricula of the Institute;
 - (ix) to consider and approve the appointment of the Commandant of the Institute upon recommendation of the Director-General State Security (DGSS);
 - (x) to serve as the appellate body on disciplinary matters affecting staff of the Institute on grade level 8 and above;
 - (xi) to periodically review the performance of the Institute;
 - (xii) to guide the establishment of organizational structures and committees, and definition of duties thereof; and
 - (xiii) to fix the salary of the Commandant equivalent to of a University Vice Chancellor.
- (3) The decision of the Board on all matters pertaining to training, assessment, and certification, award of fellowship and withdrawal of participants shall be final.
- (4) The supplementary provisions set out in the schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters mentioned therein.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART 4 - STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 5: Appointment and Functions of the Commandant.

- (1) There shall be appointed for the Institute a serving officer from the State Security Service to be known as the Commandant of the Institute.
- (2) The Commandant shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Director-General State Service (DGSS).
- (3) The Commandant shall hold office for two (2) years in the first instance and may be re-appointed for a final period of two (2) years and no more.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6: Functions of the Commandant.

The Commandant shall perform the following functions:

- (a) authorize programs and plans to give effect to policies approved by the Board subject to all or any of the powers in this section as may be delegated to him by the Board;
- (b) exercise executive control over the staff of the Institute;
- (c) supervision of accounts and records as the Chief Accounting Officer of the Institute;
- (d) responsible to the Board for the day to day management of the affairs of the Institute;
- (e) interpret policies and ancillary matters to other staff of the Institute;
- (f) ensure that the Institute attains and maintains a high academic standard of excellence.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 7: Delegated powers

The fact that any power has been delegated to the Commandant under this Bill shall not preclude the Board from exercising the same power in any special cases.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 8: Incidentals Powers.

Nothing in this Bill shall be deemed to preclude the State Security Service from exercising any power of command over the Commandant of the Institute.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 9: Appointment and functions of Directors.

- (1) There shall be appointed by the Board the following Directors of the Institute:
 - (i) Director of Studies (DS);
 - (ii) Director of Administration (DA);
 - (iii) Director of Research, Estimates and Library Services (DRELS);
 - (iv) Director of Technical Services (DTS); and
 - (v) Director in charge of Coordination and Liaison Services (DCLS).
- (2) The Director of Studies (DS) shall be responsible to the various Deans of Studies for organizing and conducting the courses and other studies undertaken by the Institute.
- (3) Director of Administration (DA) shall be responsible to the Commandant of the Institute for the day to day administration and finance of the Institute.

- (4) Director of Research, Estimates and Library Services shall be responsible to the Commandant of the Institute for coordinating the research staff and research projects of the Institute, the collation and publication of research materials; and the provision and maintenance of a standardized library service.
- (5) Director of Technical Services shall be responsible to the Commandant of the Institute for the provision of efficient technical services in the Institute.
- (6) Director in charge of Coordination and Liaison Services shall be responsible to the Commandant of the Institute for coordinating and supervising the conduct of the Executive Intelligence Management Course (EIMC) and Liaison services between the Institute and Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) amongst others.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 9 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 10: Appointment of Deputy Directors and other staff of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be appointed by the Board the following Deputy Directors of the Institute:
 - (a) Deputy Director each for the Academic Departments of the Institute;
 - (b) Deputy Director each for the Departments in the Institute;
 - (c) Deputy Director for the Office of the Director of the Institute; and
 - (d) Deputy Director for the Office of the various Deans of the Institute.
- (2) There may be appointed from time to time by the Board such other staff as may be required for the purposes of the efficient performance of the functions conferred on the Institute.
- (3) The Institute may with the approval of the Board second officers from Government security or law enforcement agencies or such private or public service as it may deem necessary to assist the Institute in the performance of its function under this Bill.
- (4) The staff of the Institute appointed under Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be appointed upon such terms and conditions as the Institute may, after consultation with the State Security Service, determine.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 10 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 11: Staff Regulation.

- (1) The Institute may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of employees of the Institute and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the regulations may provide for:
 - (i) the appointment, promotion and disciplinary control (including dismissal) of employees of the Institute; and
 - (ii) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measures shall be guided by the regulations made by the Board or any instrument relating to the conditions of service of officers of the State Security Service with such modifications as may be necessary, to the employees of the Institute.

- (2) Staff regulations made under subsection (1) of this section shall not have effect until approved by the Board and when so approved the regulation may be published in the Gazette and the Board shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time determine.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 12: Pensions

Service in the Institute shall be public service for the purpose of the Pensions Reform Act, 2011 with the exception of those on secondment and, accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the Institute shall in respect of their service in the Institute, be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed there under, so however that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of that office.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 12 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 13: Appointment and Functions of Directing Staff.

- (1) There shall be appointed by the Board, Directing Staff (DS) of the Institute for a tenure not exceeding two (2) years.
- (2) The Directing Staff (DS) shall be responsible to the Director of Studies for supervising and guiding the day-to-day academic programme of course participants, preside in syndicate discussions, lead in study tours and any other duty as may be assigned by the Director, Studies.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 13 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 13 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 14: Appointment and Functions of Dean of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be appointed for the Institute a retired Ambassador, Security Intelligence experts or Vice-Chancellors with bias in Intelligence, Security risk management, conflict resolution and/or human security to be known as Dean within the Institute.
- (2) The Dean of the Institute shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Director-General State Service (DGSS).
- (3) The Dean of the Institute shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment as may be determined from time to time by the Board with the approval of the Management of the State Security Service; provided howsoever that the aggregate of his tenure as Dean of the Institute shall not exceed 8 years.
- (4) The Dean shall, in addition to deputizing for the Commandant of the Institute shall be responsible for:
- (i) organizing and conducting the courses, studies and programs undertaken in their respective areas of specialization by the Institute;
 - (ii) the collation and publication of course materials and other publications relating thereto;

- (iii) play advisory role to the Board in the recruitment of credible and reputable civilian academic staff; and
- (iv) any other assignment that the Board and the Director of the Institute may from time to time deem necessary for the achievement of the objectives of the Institute.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 14 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART 5 - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 15: Fund of the Institute.

- (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure reasonably incurred by the Institute.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to Subsection (1) of this Section:
 - (i) such monies as may in each year be approved by the National Assembly for the purpose of the activities of the Institute;
 - (ii) such grants as shall be provided by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund, notwithstanding anything contained in any other law;
 - (iii) all sums charged for services rendered by the Institute;
 - (iv) all other sums that may accrue to the Institute from any other source, including gifts referred to in subsection (3) of this section.

Power to Accept Gifts.

- (3) The Institute may accept gifts of land, money or other property (whether within or outside Nigeria) upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift provided that the terms and conditions are not contrary to the objectives and functions of the Institute under this Bill nor inimical to national interests.
- (4) The Institute may, subject to the approval of the Board, with the consent or general authority given by the Federal Government, borrow by way of loan, from any lawful source, monies required by the Institute for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this Bill, so however that where the sum or the aggregate of the sums involved at any one time does not exceed five million Naira (₦5,000,000.00), no such consent or authority shall be required.
- (5) The Institute may, subject to the approval of the Board, invest any surplus funds of the Institute in such securities as may be approved by the Management of the State Security Service and the Federal Government.
- (6) The Institute shall keep proper accounts in a form, which conforms to accepted commercial standards of its receipt, payments, assets and liabilities and shall submit the accounts annually for auditing by a qualified auditor appointed from the list of auditors and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

Annual estimates, accounts, audit and annual reports.

- (7) The Institute shall, not later than 30th September of each year, submit to the National Assembly, a report of its activities during the immediate preceding year and shall include in such report the audited accounts of the Institute.

- (8) The Institute can endow intelligence, security or other fields within its object in any university if it will enhance peace and security studies, research or implementation.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 15 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART 6 - MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 16: Seal/Instrument of Authority of the Institute.

The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the Commandant of the Institute or such other person authorized generally or specifically by the Commandant to act for the purpose.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 16 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART 7 - INTERPRETATION

Clause 17: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires -

"Board" means Board of the Institute;

"Commandant" means Commandant of the Institute;

"Director General" means Director General, State Services;

"DSS" means Department of State Services as provided by Instrument No. SSS 1 of 1999;

"EIMC" means Executive Intelligence Management Course;

"fsi" means Fellow of Security Institute;

"msi" means Member of Security Institute;

"NISS" means National Institute for Security Studies;

"The Institute" means National Institute for Security Studies;

"SSS" means State Security Service as established by the National Security Agencies Act, Cap. N74, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 17 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 17 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART 8 - SHORT TITLE

Clause 18: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Institute for Security Studies (NISS) (Establishment) Bill, 2019.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 18 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 18 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE I
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

1. (1) Subject to this Bill and Section 27 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the decisions of a statutory body to be taken by the majority of the members of the body and for the persons presiding to have a second or casting vote), the Board may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of a Board Committee thereof.
- (2) The quorum of the Board shall be Chairman and four (4) other members, and the quorum of any committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.
2. (1) The Board shall meet not less than two (2) times in each year and subject thereto, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than three (3) other members, he shall summon a meeting of the board to be held within seven (7) days from the date on which the notice is given.
- (2) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside but if he is unavoidably absent, the Director-General, State Security Service (SSS) or any other member of the board authorized in writing by the Chairman, shall preside.
- (3) Where the Board wishes to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Board may co-opt him as a member for such period as it thinks fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.
3. (1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Board, such functions as the Board may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Board and not more than one third of those persons may be persons who are not members of the Board; a person other than a member of the Board shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument of his appointment.
- (3) A decision of a committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.
4. The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or some other member authorized generally or specifically by the Board for that purpose

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

SCHEDULE II
ORGANOGRAM OF THE BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE

CHAIRMAN

NATIONAL
SECURITY
ADVISER
(NSA)

DIRECTOR-
GENERAL
DEPARTMENT
OF STATE
SERVICES

DIRECTOR-
GENERAL
(NIA)

CHIEF OF
DEFENCE
INTELLIGENCE
(CDI)
FOR SECURITY
(NISS)

COMMANDANT
OF THE
NATIONAL
INSTITUTE
SECRETARY

DIRECTOR OF
ADMINISTRATION
AND
INSTITUTE
STUDIES

PERMANENT
SECRETARY
SPECIAL SERVICES
OFFICE

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

SCHEDULE III
ORGANOGRAM OF THE INSTITUTE'S MANAGEMENT

COMMANDANT

DEAN OF STUDIES

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES ADMINISTRATION	DIRECTOR OF ESTIMATES AND LIBRARY SERVICES	DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, SERVICES AND LIAISON SERVICES	DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL COORDINATION	DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EACH ACADEMIC STUDIES	DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE INSTITUTE	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF THE INSTITUTE	

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

SCHEDULE IV

ORGANOGRAM FOR THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT
 COMMANDANT
 DEAN OF RESEARCH
 DIRECTOR RESEARCH
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR RESEARCH
 PRINCIPAL RESEARCH FELLOWS
 (PRFs) 1-3
 SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS
 (SRFs) 1-3
 RESEARCH FELLOWS (Rfs) 1-5
 ASSISTANT RESEARCH FELLOWS
 (ARFs) 1-5

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

SCHEDULE V

ORGANOGRAM FOR THE STUDIES DEPARTMENT
 DEAN OF STUDIES
 DIRECTOR OF STUDIES
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR STUDIES
 PRINCIPAL ACADEMICS/TRAINING
 OFFICER (PAO/PTO) 1-3
 SENIOR ACADEMICS/TRAINING
 OFFICER (SAO/STO) 1-3
 TRAINING OFFICERS (TO) 1-5
 ASSISTANT TRAINING OFFICERS
 (ATO) 1-5

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

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Security Studies and for Other Connected Purposes and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 18 — As Recommended

Schedule 1-5 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

12. Nigerian Police Trust Fund (Establishment etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB. 894):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Police Trust Fund and for Other Connected Purposes be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion made: Pursuant to Rule 81, that the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Police Trust Fund and for Other Connected Purposes (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN POLICE TRUST FUND AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED PURPOSES****PARTS I - OBJECTIVE, SCOPE AND DURATION****Clause 1: Objective.**

The objective of this Bill is to provide a legal framework for management and control of the special intervention fund established under section 3 of this Bill for training and retraining of personnel of the Nigeria Police Force and for the provision of State of the Art Security equipment and other related facilities for the enhancement of the skills of the personnel of the Nigeria Police in the handling of operational equipment and machineries.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Scope and Duration.

The Trust Fund established under section 3 of this Bill covers all personnel of the Nigeria Police Force, including its auxiliary staff in Nigeria and abroad for the overall improvement and efficiency in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

**PART II - ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE
NIGERIA POLICE TRUST FUND****Clause 3: Establishment of the Nigeria Police Trust fund.**

- (1) There is established a Fund to be known as the Nigeria Police Trust Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Trust Fund").
- (2) The Trust Fund:
 - (a) is a body corporate with a common seal; and

- (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

Sources of the Trust Fund.

- (1) The Trust Fund shall comprise of:
- (a) an amount constituting half percentage (0.5%) of the total revenue accruing to the Federation Account;
 - (b) a levy of 0.005% of the net profit of companies operating business in Nigeria;
 - (c) any take-off grant and special intervention funds as may be provided by the Federal, State and Local Government of the Federation;
 - (d) such moneys as may be appropriated to meet the objective of this Bill by the National Assembly in the Federal budget;
 - (e) aids, grants and assistance from international bilateral; and multilateral agencies, non-Governmental organizations and the private sector;
 - (f) grants, donations, endowments, bequests and gifts, whether of money, land or any other property whatsoever, from any source;
 - (g) monies derived from investment made by the Trust Fund; and
- (2) The sources of monies referred to in the paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (1) of this section shall be acceptable to the Trust Fund except where the terms and conditions attached to an aid, grant, donation or gift are inconsistent with the objective of the Trust Fund and the provisions of this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: Purpose of the Trust Fund.

The Trust Fund shall be utilized:

- (a) for meeting the training and re-training needs of the personnel of the Nigeria Police Force and its auxiliary staff within and outside Nigeria;
- (b) for the enhancement of the skills of the personnel of the Nigeria Police Force and its auxiliary staff for improved proficiency in the use of operational equipment and machineries;
- (c) for the overall improvement, performance and efficiency in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the Nigeria Police Force;
- (d) for the purchase of equipment, machineries, including operational vehicles for the Nigeria Police Force;
- (e) for the construction of police stations, provision of living facilities, such as quarters or barracks for the Nigeria Police Force;
- (f) to finance the procurement of books, instructional materials, training equipment for use at Police Colleges and such other similar training institutions;

- (g) to meet the cost of participation by the personnel of the Nigeria Police Force at seminars and conferences relevant to or connected with policing or intelligence gathering; and
- (h) for such other purposes incidental to or connected with the attainment of objective of this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6: Functions of the Trust Fund.

- (1) The Trust Fund shall:
 - (a) receive all monies accruing to the Fund under the provisions of this Bill;
 - (b) utilize all monies accruing to the Trust Fund under this Bill to meet the stated objectives of this Bill; and
 - (c) carry out such other activities as considered necessary for the attainment of the objectives of this Bill. Term of three years in the first instance and may be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years and no more.
- (2) Members of the Board shall be paid such allowances as may be determined by the Board in consultation with the National Salaries, Wages and Income Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 7: Resignation by a Member.

A member, other than ex-officio member, may resign his appointment by a notice in writing, under his hand, addressed to the President.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 8: Cessation of Membership.

A member of the Board ceases to hold office if he:

- (a) becomes of unsound mind;
 - (b) becomes bankrupt or makes compromises with his creditors;
 - (c) is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty; or
 - (d) is guilty of corrupt practices or misconduct in relation to his duties.
- (2) A member of the Board of Trustees may be removed from office by the President if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Fund or the Public that the member should continue in that office.

- (3) A member of the Board of Trustees, other than an ex-officio, may resign his appointment by a notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the President.
- (4) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board of Trustees, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor, so that the successor shall represent the same interest and shall be appointed by the President.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 9: Removal from Office of a Member.

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9 and 10 of this Bill, the President may remove a member from the Board if any circumstance which borders on corruption and other activities that negates the interest and security of the nation would require the removal of the member from the Board.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 9 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 10: Functions of the Board.

The Board shall be responsible for:

- (a) setting out the policies and programs for the training and training of personnel of the Nigeria Police Force and its auxiliary staff in Nigeria and abroad in accordance with intendment of this Bill;
- (b) approving the disbursement of monies from the Trust Fund to Finance projects or activities of the Nigeria Police Force and of the police institutions beneficiaries of the proceeds of Trust Fund;
- (c) scrutinizing and approving projects which qualify for financing under the Bill;
- (d) exercising control over the management of the Trust Fund with a view to ensuring accountability and proper utilization of money in the Trust Fund for the purposes set out in this Bill;
- (e) carrying out such other activities as are considered necessary for the attainment of the objectives of this Bill.
- (f) updating the Federal Government on its activities and progress through annual and audited reports;
- (g) reviewing progress and suggesting improvement within the provisions of this Bill;
- (h) making and issuing guidelines, from time to time, to all beneficiaries on disbursement from the Fund on the use of monies received from the Fund; and
- (i) generally regulating the administration, application and disbursement of monies from the Fund under this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 10 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 11: Powers of the Board.

- (1) The Board has powers to:
 - (a) award contracts of any kind or description for any amount, whether in local or foreign currency in conformity with the due process requirements as provided under any law, rules, guidelines or regulations; and
 - (b) invest monies accruing to the Trust Fund and approve the utilization of the returns on investment in the same way as monies accruing to the Trust Fund.
- (2) In the discharge of its functions under this Bill the Board shall:
 - (a) through the Ministry, identify the funding needs of the various Police institutions for the enhancement of the performance of the Nigeria Police Force;
 - (b) enter into contractual arrangements of the purpose of executing of approved projects on behalf of the Trust Fund;
 - (c) oversee the implementation of projects financed through monies accruing to the Trust Fund; and
 - (d) enter into Public-Private Partnership and private finance initiative arrangements and agreements necessary for project execution.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 12: Establishment of the Police Trust Fund Project Implementation Committee.

- (1) For the purpose of implementing any project approved by the Board under this Bill, there is established the Police-Trust fund Project Implementation Committee (in this Bill referred to as the implementation committee).
- (2) The implementation committee established under subsection (1) of this section is comprised of:
 - (a) the Minister, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee; and
 - (b) such other member, not exceeding six in number, with proven integrity, to be appointed by the Board.
- (3) The implementation Committee is responsible to the Board in the execution of the duties and responsibilities assigned to it by the Board.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 12 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART III - STAFF OF THE TRUST FUND

Clause 13: Appointment of the Executive Secretary and Other Staff of the Trust Fund.

- (1) The Executive Secretary of the Trust Fund shall be appointed by the president on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (2) The Executive Secretary shall:
 - (a) be a person of unquestionable character and integrity; and
 - (b) have qualifications and experience as are appropriate for a person required to perform the functions of that office under this Bill; and
- (3) The Executive Secretary shall hold office:
 - (a) for a time of three years in the first instance and may be eligible for re- appointment for another term of three years and no more; and
 - (b) on such other terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 13 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 13 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 14: Functions of the Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary shall:

- (a) be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Trust Fund;
- (b) be responsible for the day to day administration of the Trust Fund;
- (c) be the secretary to the Board;
- (d) keep proper records of the proceedings of the Board;
- (e) work closely with the implementation committee established under section 12 of this Bill in carrying out such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Board;
- (f) be in charge of the general direction and control of all other employees of the Fund; and
- (g) carry out such other duties as may be requested of him by the Board.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 14 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 15: Removal of the Executive Secretary

- (1) Notwithstanding the provision of section 13 of this Bill, the Executive Secretary may be removed from office by the President where any circumstances arises which in the opinion of the President makes the Executive Secretary no longer capable of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the office.
- (2) A person appointed as the Executive Secretary on the removal of an Executive Secretary under sub-section (1) of this section shall serve the unexpired period of the term of his predecessor-in -office or the remainder of the term of the Trust Fund, whichever is shorter.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 15 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 16: Staff of the Board

- (1) The Board may appoint such other members of staff as may in the opinion of the Board be necessary to assist the Trust Fund in carrying out its functions under this Bill.
- (2) The terms and conditions of service (including terms and conditions as to the remuneration, payment of allowances, and other benefits) of person employed by the Board for the Trust Fund shall be in line with the general conditions of Service as obtainable in the Public Service of the Federation.
- (3) The Board shall have power to appoint, either on transfer or on secondment from any public service of the Federation, such number of employees required for the effective discharge of the duties and function of Trust Fund under this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 16 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 17: Severance Allowance.

Service in the Trust Fund shall be for the duration of the Trust Fund and accordingly employees of the Trust Fund, in respect of their services as shall be entitled to other retirement benefits and severance allowances as shall be approved by the Board.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 17 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 17 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**Clause 18: Trust Financial Provisions for the Management of the Fund.**

There is established under this Bill a general fund for the day to day administration of the Trust Fund comprising of:

- (a) annual budgetary allocation appropriated by National Assembly for the management of the Trust Fund;
- (b) take -off grants such other monies as may from time to time be made available to the Trust Fund to meet the cost of administration; and
- (c) all other monies which may from time to time to be made available for the running of the Trust Fund.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 18 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 18 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 19: Accounts of the Trust Fund.

- (1) There shall be maintained for the Trust Fund an account into which shall be paid all monies accruing to the Trust Fund by virtue of the provision of section 4 of this Bill.

- (2) The Board shall also open and maintain an account into which shall be paid monies received for management of the Trust Fund by virtue of the provision of section 22 of this Bill.
- (3) The accounts referred to in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall be managed in accordance with the extant financial regulations.
- (4) The Board shall from time to time:
 - (a) apply the proceeds of the Trust Fund established under section 3 of this Bill for the purposes set out in section 5 of the Bill; and
 - (b) apply the proceeds of the monies referred to in subsection (2) of this section to meet the cost of administration, including payment of salaries, fees and other remunerations and allowances payable to members of the Board and employees of the Trust Fund, and for Payment of experts, professionals and consultants engaged by the Board for Trust Fund.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 19 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 19 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 20: Budgetary Provisions and Estimates.

The Board shall not later than 30th June of every year submit to the Minister an estimate of its income and expenditure during the succeeding year.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 20 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 20 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 21: Annual Estimates Account and Audit.

The Board shall cause to be kept for the Trust Fund proper accounts and records, and when certified by the Board, these accounts shall be audited by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 21 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 21 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 22: Exemption from Tax.

- (1) The Trust Fund shall be exempted from the payment of income tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Trust Fund or otherwise howsoever.
- (2) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Trust Fund.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 22 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 22 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART V - SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Clause 23: Quarterly Report.

The Board shall at the end of every three months submit to the President a report on its activities and on the administration of the Trust Fund.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 23 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 23 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 24: Annual Report.

The Board shall not later than three months before end of each year, submit to the President a report on the activities and the administration of the Trust Fund during the preceding year and, shall include in such reports the auditor's report thereon.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 24 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 24 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 25: Power of the President to Issue Directives.

The President may give to the Board directives of a general nature with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions under this Bill for compliance by the board.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 25 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 25 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 26: Regulations.

The Board, may, with the prior approval of the President make such regulations as deemed necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 26 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 26 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 27: Transitional Provisions.

Except as provided for under section 2 of this Bill, at the expiration of the six year duration of the Trust Fund referred to in that section, the Trust Fund shall have six months to wind up its activities, including the settlement of all liabilities and thereafter and-over all outstanding assets of the Trust Fund to the Nigeria Police Force.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 27 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 27 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 28: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise require:

"Board" means the Police Trust Fund Management Board, established under section 6 of this Bill;

"Trust Fund" means the Nigeria Police Trust fund establish under section 3 of this Bill;

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for Police Affairs and Ministry shall be constructed accordingly;

"Personnel" means officers and men of the Nigerian Police Force, its auxiliary staff and all of its staff, employees or officers within and outside Nigeria;

"Police Institutions" include the Police Headquarters ,Zonal Commands, State Commands, Divisional Police Stations and Police Training Institutions;

"President" and "Vice President" means "President" and "Vice -President" of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

"Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Trust Fund appointed under section 17 of this Bill;

"Due process" means compliances with extant financial rules and regulations on Public Procurement of goods, works and services.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 28 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 28 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 29: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Police Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2018.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 29 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 29 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

1. Subject to the provisions of this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of its committee.
2. The quorum of the Board shall be the Chairman and ten other members, three of whom shall be from the private sector and the Board shall determine the quorum of any committee.
3. The Board shall meet not less than four times in each year and subject thereto the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, or if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than ten members of the Board, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within fourteen days from the date on which the notice was given.
4. At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside but in his absence, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their members to preside at the meeting.
5. Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt the person to the Board for such period as it thinks fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this sub-paragraph is not entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and does not count towards a quorum.

6. All members of the Board shall have equal rights and privileges, and where there is equality in vote, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Committees

7. The Board may appoint such number of committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board such of its functions as the Board may, from time to time, determine.
8. A committee appointed under paragraph 7 of this schedule shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board) as may be determined by the Board, and the person, other than a member of the Board, shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
9. A decision of a committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed and or ratified by the Board.

Miscellaneous

10. The fixing of the seal of the Fund shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or of any other person authorized generally or specially to act for that purpose by the Board.
11. Any contract or instrument made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, that would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the Chairman or any person generally or specifically authorized to act for that purpose by the Board.
12. Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Trust Fund shall be received in evidence and shall, unless, and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
13. The validity of any proceeding of the Board or of a committee thereof shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or of a committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Board or committee.

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

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Nigeria Police Trust fund to among other things, provide funds for the training and retraining of the personnel of the Nigeria Police Force, provide State of the Art Security equipment and machineries to improve the general welfare of the personnel of the Nigeria Police Force and enhance their preparedness to effectively discharge their constitutional responsibility of protecting life and property of the people of Nigeria.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Police Trust Fund and for Other Connected Purposes and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 29 — As Recommended

Schedule — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

13. Harmonized Retirement Age for Teachers in Nigeria Bill, 2019 (HB. 1554):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Harmonized Retirement Age for Teachers in Nigeria and for Other Connected Purposes be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion made: Pursuant to Rule 81, that the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for an Act to Establish the Harmonized Retirement Age for Teachers in Nigeria and for Other Connected Purposes (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HARMONIZED RETIREMENT AGE FOR TEACHERS IN NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED PURPOSES.

Clause 1: Retirement Age for Teachers in Nigeria.

As from the commencement of this Bill without prejudice to other requirements, the compulsory retirement age for Teachers and Education Officers in Nigeria shall be 65 years of age

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Public Service Rule Not to Apply.

A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the Public Service after 60 years of age shall not apply to Teachers and Education Officers in Nigeria

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Harmonized Retirement Age for Teachers in Nigeria Bill, 2019

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to Establish the Harmonized Retirement Age of Teachers in Nigeria and for Other Connected Purposes and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

14. Animal Disease Control Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1268):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Animal Disease Control Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) and for Other Connected Purposes be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion made: Pursuant to Rule 81, that the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for an Act to Establish the Animal Disease Control Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) and for Other Connected Purposes (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL ACT (REPEAL & RE-ENACTMENT) AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED PURPOSES.

PART I - IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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

- (1) The importation of veterinary biologics, 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).

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART II - EXPORTATION OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS/COMMODITIES

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART IV - ANIMAL DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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 ₦150,000 or both.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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 ₦500,000 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 ₦500,000 or a term of 3 years imprisonment or both.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART V - NOTIFICATION

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)
 - (a) 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).
 - (b) 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART VI - DISEASE TRACEABILITY AND ANIMALS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

- Clause 9:**
- (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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 9 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 10 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART VIII - ANIMAL SEMEN AND GERMSPLASM CONTROL

Clause 11: Animal Semen and Germsplasm 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;
 - (g) the date each animal was removed from the centre, the reason for the removal and the disposition of each animal.
 - (h) 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 12 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 13: License 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 N250,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of not less than 30 days or both.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 13 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 13 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 14 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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 N250,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of not less than 30 days or both.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 15 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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 (₦200,000.00) 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 16 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

**PART X - CONTROL OF MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS AND
ANIMAL PRODUCTS/COMMODITIES**

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 17 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 17 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 18 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 18 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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

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 Bill, 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 19 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 19 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

**PART XII - BIOSECURITY AND CONTROL OF ANIMAL FARMS
AND HATCHERY ESTABLISHMENTS**

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 20 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 20 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XIII - ANIMAL WELFARE

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 21 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 21 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 22 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 22 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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)
 - (iv) Federal Ministry of Science and Technology

- (v) Social Scientist
 - (vi) Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN)
 - (vii) Animal Welfare Movements or Animal Related Non-Governmental organisation (NGO)
 - (viii) Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS)
 - (ix) Deans of Faculties of Veterinary Medicine
 - (x) Nigeria Institute of Medical Research
 - (xi) National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI)
 - (xii) Directors of Veterinary Services of the States
 - (xiii) Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Services (NAQS)
 - (xiv) Nigerian Institute of Pharmaceutical Research and Development
 - (xv) Nigerian Police Force
 - (xvi) Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON)
 - (xvii) 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 23 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 23 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 24 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 24 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XIV - RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 25 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 25 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XV - PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DISEASES OF BEES

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 beesemen 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) Noncompliance 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 made 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 importer(s).

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 26 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 26 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XVI - TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 27 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 27 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XVII - AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 28 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 28 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XVIII - ANIMAL DISEASES CONTINGENCY AND PREPAREDNESS PLAN

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 29 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 29 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XIX - NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH CONTINGENCY AND EMERGENCY FUND

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 30 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 30 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XX - COMPENSATION

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 31 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 31 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXI - PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL PESTS

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 32 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 32 do stand part of the Bill, put and 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 33 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 33 do stand part of the Bill, put and 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)

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 34 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 34 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 35 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 35 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 36 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 36 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXIV - HIDES AND SKIN INSPECTION AND MONITORING

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 37 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 37 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 38 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 38 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXV - NATIONAL ONE HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 Deans of Veterinary schools in Nigeria;
 - (xii) representative of State Directors of Veterinary Services;
 - (xiii) Federal Ministry of Information; and
 - (xiv) 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 39 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 39 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXVI - ADMINISTRATION

Clause 40: Powers of the Minister.

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, or 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 40 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 40 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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).

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 41 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 41 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 42 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 42 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXVII - DESIGNATED OFFICIAL LABORATORIES**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 networking, 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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 43 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 43 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXVIII - REGULATIONS**Clause 44.**

- (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON) or State Director of Veterinary Services, as the case may be may, 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;
 - (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; and
 - (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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 44 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 44 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXIX - GENERAL OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 45 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 45 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXX - PRESUMPTIONS AND EVIDENCE

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 46 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 46 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXXI - ARBITRATION (SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES)

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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 47 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 47 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXXII - REPEAL AND RE-ENACTMENT

Clause 48: Repeal and Re-enactment.

The Animal Diseases (Control) Act 1988 is repealed and Re-enacted as the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, 2018.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 48 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 48 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXXIII - INTERPRETATION

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;

"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;

"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;

"Animal Products" means egg, milk, semen or any other part of the animal;

"Animal Traceability" means the ability to follow an animal, animal products or group of animals during all stages of its life;

"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;

"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;

"Apiary" means a beehive or group of beehives whose management allows them to be considered as a single epidemiological unit;

"Approved" means officially approved, accredited or registered by the Veterinary Authority;

"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;

"Aquaculture Establishment" means an establishment in which fish, mollusks or crustaceans for breeding, stocking or marketing are raised or kept;

"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;

"Area" means an area to which this Bill applies;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"Beehive Products" include honey, beeswax, bee venom, Honey-bee collected pollen, brood combs, propolis and royal jelly;

"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;

"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;

"Case" means an individual animal infected by a pathogenic agent, with or without clinical signs;

"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;

"Cites" means Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora;

"Commercial Farm" means a farm where a flock of poultry or other animals are raised for the purpose of sale and distribution;

"Commissioner" means a Commissioner of a State charged with the responsibility for matters relating to animal health and production;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"Chicks" means birds aged not more than 8 weeks after breeding;

"Disease" means the clinical or pathological manifestation of infection or infestation;

"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;

"Disinfestation" means the application of procedures intended to eliminate infestation;

"Eggs" means hatchable and non-hatchable eggs;

"Experimentation" means the process of performing a scientific procedure, especially in a laboratory, to determine something;

"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;

"Eradication" means the elimination of a pathogenic agent from a country or zone;

"Establishment" means the premises in which animals are kept;

"Exporting Country" means a country from which commodities are sent to another country;

"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);

"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;

"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;

"Feral Animal" means an animal of a domesticated species that now lives without direct human supervision or control;

"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;

"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;

"Hatchery" means an establishment where poultry eggs are incubated and hatched for the purposes of sale and distribution;

"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;

"Importing Country" means a country that is the final destination to which commodities are sent;

"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;

"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;

"Infection" means the entry and development or multiplication of an infectious agent in the body of humans or animals;

"Infectious Agent" means any organism such as virus, bacteria, fungus, protozoa, helminth, or their vectors causing disease in animals;

"Infective Period" means the longest period during which an affected animal can be a source of infection;

"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;

"Inspection Station" means an established area within a State along the cattle route with facilities for inspection and examination of trade animals;

"International Certificate" means a certificate, issued in conformity with the provisions of the O.I.E terrestrial and aquatic animal health codes;

"International College of Veterinary Pharmacy (ICVP)" is the certification board of International Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists (SVHP);

"International Trade" means importation, exportation and transit of commodities;

"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;

"Killing" means any procedure which causes the death of an animal;

"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;

"Local Government" shall be deemed to include the Chairman, the Secretary and the staff of the Veterinary Department of a Local Government Area;

"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;

"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;

"Meat Products" means meat that has been subjected to a treatment irreversibly modifying its organoleptic and physicochemical characteristics;

"Minister" means the Minister of the Federal Government charged with the responsibility for matters relating to animal health and production;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"Other purposes" means animals intended for use in breeding, transhumance, sports, park and other recreational purposes;

"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;

"Pets" means any animal kept primarily for a person's company, protection, or entertainment rather than as a working animal, livestock, or laboratory animal;

"Population" means a group of units sharing a common defined characteristic;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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 to the prevention of risks (aggression, disease transmission or injuries) that the dog may pose to the community, other animals or the environment;

"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;

"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;

"Slaughter" means any procedure which causes the death of an animal by bleeding;

"Slaughterhouse/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;

"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;

"Specific Surveillance" means the surveillance targeted to a specific disease or infection;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"Terrestrial Code" means the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"Veterinary Drug Residues" means the parent drugs, metabolites, decomposition products or associated impurities that remain in the final edible animal product;

"Veterinary Legislation" means laws, regulations and all associated legal instruments that pertain to the veterinary domain;

"Veterinary Medical Devices" means instruments used for veterinary diagnosis, prevention and treatment of animal diseases as well as for production and restraint of animals;

"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;

"Veterinary Officer" means a veterinary surgeon in the service of the Federal, State or Local government;

"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;

"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;

"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;

"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);

"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);

"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;

"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;

"Veterinary Surgeon" means a professional veterinarian duly registered to practice by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria;

"Wild Animal" means an animal that has a phenotype unaffected by human selection and lives independent of direct human supervision or control;

"Wildlife" means feral animals, captive wild animals and wild animals;

"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.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 49 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 49 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 50: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Animal Diseases Control (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2019.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 50 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 50 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULE 1

ANIMAL DISEASES

- * Anthrax
- * Aujeszky's disease
- * Echinococcosis/hydatidosis
- * Heartwater
- * Leptospirosis
- * Q fever
- * Rabies
- * Paratuberculosis
- * New world screwworm (*Cochliomyia homnivorax*)
- * Old world screwworm (*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. abortusovis*)
- * 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 piroplasmosis
- * 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 vibronic 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
- * Leishmaniosis
- * 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 septicaemia 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/atlanticus*
- * Infection with *Haplosporidium costale*
- * Infection with *Candidatus Xenohalictus californiensis*
- * Taura syndrome
- * White spot disease
- * Yellowhead disease
- * Spherical baculovirus (*Penaeus monodon*-type baculovirus)
- * Tetrahedral baculovirus (*Baculovirus penaei*)
- * Infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis
- * Crayfish plague (*Aphanomyces astaci*)
- * Spawner-isolated mortality virus diseases

Question that the provisions of the 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

Question that the provisions of the 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 Ibiam International Airport
13. Any other air or sea ports in Nigeria as may be declared at any time by the Minister.

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

SCHEDULE 4

LIST OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL POSTS

TARABA STATE

1. Dorofi
2. Mayondaga

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

JIGAWA STATE

1. Maigatari

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

KWARA STATE

1. Okuta/Yashikera
2. Sack Tambo.
3. Unguwar Makara
4. Kangiwa
5. Kamba

KEBBI STATE

1. Sackaka Babba

OGUN STATE

1. Idiroko
2. Imeko

CROSS RIVER STATE

1. Ikom

LAGOS STATE

1. Seme.

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.

Question that the provisions of the 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

Question that the provisions of the 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/ gooselings/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, turkey poultry's, 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

Question that the provisions of the 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:

Nature and identification of means of transportation:

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

Question that the provisions of the 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

Question that the provisions of the Schedule 8 stand 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

Question that the provisions of the 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/DAIRY 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:
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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

Question that the provisions of the 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:

.....
No. of Animals:

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Breed:

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Male:

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Female:

.....
Young ones:

.....
State of Origin:

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Date of Departure from State of Origin:

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Date touching Last Control Post

.....
Destination:

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

.....
General Appearance:

.....
Sick if any:

.....
Deaths if any:

.....
Vaccination done:

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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.

Question that the provisions of the 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

Question that the provisions of the 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

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)

Director of Veterinary Services

Question that the provisions of the 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:

Question that the provisions of the 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

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

Question that the provisions of the 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:

Temperature required during storage and Transport:

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

Address(es) and/or 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)

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

APPENDIX 1

HAZARDS AND CORRESPONDING CONTROL POINTS

HAZARDS

BIOHAZARDS

Introduction of pathogens and
Contaminants

-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

CONTROL POINTS

-Sources of animals (horizontal and vertical transmission)

-Sourcing of breeding stock

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	-Animal management
-pathogens	-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
 -use of agricultural chemicals
 -Feed and water quality
 -Equipment and building material
 -Hygiene practices

-Farm location
 -Animal movement

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)
-Quality of feed and water
Radionuclide pollution
-Sources of feeds and water

- Treatment of animals
- Sales and prescription control
- Record keeping
- Residue control
- Farm location

PHYSICAL HAZARDS

Broken needles and other
Penetrating objects

- Treatment of animals

Injuries
-Infrastructure
-Population density
-Animal handling
-Construction and equipment

- Farm location

Ingestion of dangerous/harmful
Objects-Farm location
-Record keeping
-Construction and equipment
-Infrastructure

- Source of feeds and water

Question that the provisions of the Appendix I stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to Establish the Animal Disease Control Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) and for Other Connected Purposes and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 50	—	As Recommended
Schedules 1-17	—	As Recommended
Appendix 1	—	As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

15. Federal University of Education Nsugbe, Anambra State (Establishment etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1067) - Concurrence:

Bill referred back to the Committee for further Legislative Action.

16. 2019 Appropriation Bill, 2019:

By the leave of the Senate, Committee on Appropriations was mandated to adopt Executive Submission for Sub-Committees that declined to forward their respective Budget Reports by Wednesday, 10th April, 2019. The Senate further compelled the Committee on Appropriations to lay the Appropriation Bill, 2019 on Thursday, 11th April, 2019.

17. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 10th April, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:00 p.m.

Abubakar Olubukola Saraki, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.