

NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

COMMUNIQUE OF THE NATIONAL FEEDS SUMMIT HELD FROM OCTOBER 26 – 27, 2010 AT JOGOR CENTRE, IBADAN

PREAMBLE

The Nigerian Institute Animal (NIAS) held a two-day summit for stakeholders in the feed mill industry from October 26-27, 2010 at Jogor Centre, Ibadan to deliberate on the challenges of the industry and forge away forward.

The meeting evaluated the constraints in the feed milling industry and noted the following:

- That Nigeria is being used as a dumping ground for imported poor quality feed ingredients in the forms of oil cakes, fish meal, meat meal, feed additives such as premixes, vitamins, probiotics and enzymes;
- Nigeria has installed capacity to supply good quality premixes to all of West Africa and noted that unregulated importation of premixes in the blended form hurts the industry and jeopardizes local investments;
- There is the need for cooperation between the Institute and Standard Organization of Nigeria, National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control, Nigerian Customs Service and other Regulatory agencies to clean up the feed business in Nigeria for the good of Livestock Industry and the Nigerian economy.
- Sequel to the understanding that given the climate in Nigeria, two categories of standards will be required for hot season and rainy season, the Standard Organization of Nigeria challenge the Institute to work out towards updating the Feed Standards for Animals under Nigerian conditions regularly;
- There was a clear and unanimous understanding that for the Feed Industry to be competitive globally and comply with Food and Agriculture Organization's requirements for Animal Feed Safety for human Food Safety, appropriate standards must be in place.

- There is an urgent need to regulate the unbridled importation of blended premixes into Nigeria in the light of potential degeneration of nutrient potency and nutrient antagonisms.
- The summit also noted that over one million herds of pregnant cows are slaughtered every year and called for the restructuring of abattoirs in Nigeria.

The Summit therefore resolved as follows:

- i. The Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) as a matter of urgency should collaborate with Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON) to develop appropriate livestock industry standards as well as partner with the National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control in the regulation of livestock feed ingredients, premixes and finished feeds used in food animal production;
- ii. NIAS should proffer for government, veritable advice for achieving exclusive local production of premixes for use by the Nigerian livestock industry. Such middle level technology industries should indeed be promoted in the country to ensure jobs for many unemployed Nigerian agricultural graduates.
- iii. NIAS should regulate the unbridled importation of blended premixes into Nigeria in the light of potential degeneration of nutrient potency and nutrient antagonisms;
- iv. In the next two years all Premixes and Feed Manufacturers in Nigeria must be HACCP and ISO compliant;
- v. All raw materials and other input suppliers and feed mills in the country must register with the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science;
- vi. Implementation of sanctions should commence for producers of poor animal feeds, concentrates, premixes, oil seed cakes and other ingredients and inputs in the feed chain;
- vii. Every State in the country should enact appropriate legislation to control unwholesome practices in the feed industry;

- viii. There is need to create awareness on all issues concerning greenhouse gas emission within livestock operators. Local mitigation approaches should be evaluated and recommended for implementation by all stakeholders;
- ix. A new feed Association known as the Nigerian National Feed Association (NNFA) was formed with elected members drawn from Feed Millers, Supplement Manufacturers, Industrial Feed Millers, Toll Millers, Integrated Farms and Ingredient Manufacturers and Suppliers;
- x. With the information of the NNFA, the NIAS should monitor and enforce compliance of good manufacturing practices;
- xi. Capacity building should commence immediately for all stakeholders and government officers on feed safety.

The stakeholders appreciated the initiative of NIAS in convening the National Feed millers Summit and the formation of the Nigerian National Feed Association which hopefully will plough the Feed Industry back to prosperity. Delegates called for more of this type of engagements, especially in the training of the toll millers.

Done this day at IBADAN

October 27, 2010.