

Official Gazette

We, Ali Bin Al Hussein Viceroy (Deputy) of His Majesty The Great King, by virtue of Article (31) of the Constitution and based on the resolution of the upper and lower Houses of Parliament, we ratify the following law and order that it be issued and added to the State's Laws:

Law No. 41 of 2008

Jordan Food and Drug Administration Law

Article (1) – This law shall be called (*Jordan Food and Drug Administration Law of 2008*) and shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Definitions:

Article (2) (A) - The following words and expressions, wherever they appear in this law, shall have the meanings designated below, unless the context otherwise indicates:

Minster:	Minister of Health
Ministry:	Ministry of Health
JFDA:	Jordan Food and Drug Administration established by virtue of the provisions of this Law
Board:	JFDA Board of Directors
Chairman	Chairman of JFDA Board of Directors
Director-General:	Director-General of the JFDA

(B) For the purposes of this law, as required, the definitions related to food and drugs set forth in the Food Control Law No. 79 of 2001 and the Drug & Pharmacy Law No. 80 of 2001, or any law that replaces either of them, shall be adopted.

Establishment of Jordan Food and Drug Administration and its Goals

Article (3) (A) - An administration to be named (Jordan Food and Drug Administration) shall be established in the Kingdom. It shall have a corporate status and enjoy a juridical personality with financial and administrative autonomy. In such capacity, it may acquire movable and immovable properties necessary for the achievement of its objectives, conclude contracts and accept donations, grants and

bequests. It shall have the right to proceed in legal proceedings and appoint the public civil attorney general to represent the JFDA in any legal proceedings.

(B) - JFDA shall be headquartered in Amman, and shall be entitled to establish branches and open offices in other governorates.

Article (4) - JFDA aims to achieve the following objectives:

- A. Ensure the safety of food stuffs, their quality and their fitness for human consumption throughout their use.
- B. Ensure the safety of drug (medication), its effectiveness and quality.
- C. Ensure the safety of other stuffs specified in the Drug and Pharmacy Law which is currently in effect.

Article (5) - In order to achieve its objectives specified in Article (4), JFDA shall acquire all the responsibilities and powers entitled to it as per the Food Control Law and the Drug and Pharmacy Law which are currently in effect, including the following:

- A. Control food stuffs in terms of the quality and fitness in accordance with technical rules, and the legislation in force.
- B. Implement the requirements and take measures in connection with the drug by virtue of the Drug and Pharmacy Law, and also to guarantee and supervise the safety and quality of medication in accordance with the rules and standards approved according to the legislation in effect.
- C. Exercise any other supervision and inspection in connection with food stuffs and drug specified in the Food Control Law and the Drug and Pharmacy Law which are currently in effect.

The Board of Jordan Food and Drug Administration

Article (6) – JFDA shall have a board of directors which is chaired by the Minister with the membership of:

- A. The Director-General as Vice Chairman
- B. The secretary general of the Ministry.
- C. The secretary general of the Agriculture Ministry.
- D. The director general of Jordan Standards and Metrology Organization.
- E. The Director of Food Directorate at the JFDA.
- F. The Director of Drug Directorate at the JFDA.
- G. Four Jordanians with experience and competence in the fields of food stuffs and drug to be appointed by a decision from the Council of Ministers based on the Minister's recommendation. The term of membership shall be two years, renewable only once. Any changes in membership thereof may be conducted in the same

manner by appointing a replacement for the remaining period of the membership term.

Article (7) - The Board of Directors shall conduct the following functions and authorities necessary for JFDA to achieve its tasks and objectives, including the following:

- A. To develop the general policy relating to food, drug and their control; approve the required plans and programs; and follow their implementation.
- B. To accept the conclusion of the agreements with local and Arab and international organizations in parallel with the JFDA's objectives and authorize the chairman or the vice chairman to sign these agreements.
- C. To approve the technical rules, guidelines, recommendations or other documentation issued by other countries and by Arab, regional and international organizations.
- D. To approve the organizational structure of JFDA.
- E. To approve JFDA's development plans and its cadres and conduct the studies and research necessary for JFDA's works.
- F. To approve the annual budget of the JFDA and submit it to the Council of Ministers.
- G. To approve the annual report in respect of the JFDA's functions, balance sheet, final statements of account and submit them to the Council of Ministers for accreditation.
- H. To regularly review the JFDA's achievements.
- I. To form any specialist committees that may be required by JFDA's activities based on the recommendation of the Director-General and define the tasks for each of them in accordance with their formation decision.
- J. To seek the national and international means to support JFDA.
- K. To approve the instructions and conditions necessary for controlling the food and drug, which are submitted by the higher committees
- L. To prepare the draft legislation related to JFDA's activities.

Article (8) - (A): The Board shall convene at the Chairman's invitation, or that of the vice-chairman in the absence of the Chairman, once every three months at least. The meeting shall be convened if attended by at least eight (8) members including the Chairman or the vice-chairman. The Board shall pass its resolutions at least by the majority votes of those present.

(B) The chairman is entitled to invite any person with experience and competence to attend the meetings for advice and opinion about issues in question without the right to vote.

(C) The Director-General shall appoint a JFDA staff member as a Board Secretary to present the meetings' agendas, write the minutes, keep files, records and follow up the enforcement of its resolutions.

Article (9) - The Director-General shall be appointed by the Council of Ministers resolution upon a recommendation from the Minister, and his service shall be terminated through the same process. The Council of Minister decision to appoint the Director-General shall be accompanied by Royal Decree regarding this appointment.

Article (10) - The Director General shall assume the following tasks and authorities:

- A. To follow up the implementation of the general policy related to the control of the food and drug, which is set by the Board, and execute the related plans and programs.
- B. To execute the decisions made by the Board.
- C. To supervise the executive body of JFDA to make sure the good work progress and ensure the achievement of its tasks.
- D. To take decisions required by the recommendations of the specialist committees formed by the Board.
- E. To prepare the annual budget draft and submit it to the Board for approval.
- F. To prepare the annual report in respect of the JFDA's functions, annual balance sheet, final statements of account for the ended year and submit them to the Board for accreditation
- G. To conduct any functions or authorities delegated to him by the Board relating to the JFDA's activities.

The JFDA Budget and Financial Resources

Article (11) -The JFDA shall have its independent budget, and the fiscal year of the JFDA shall commence on the first day of January of each year and shall end on the thirty first of December of the same year.

Article (12) – (A): The JFDA's revenues shall be derived from the following resources:

- 1- The appropriations allocated for it in the public budget.
- 2- The fees and service charges JFDA receives by virtue of the applicable legislation related to the food and drug.
- 3- Any other returns accepted by the Board and approved by the Council of Ministers.

(B) The remaining surplus shall be considered as a return to the Treasury and shall be transferred to it by the end of the fiscal year of the JFDA.

Article (13) - The JFDA shall enjoy the exemptions and facilities provided to the ministries and governmental departments.

Article (14) - The JFDA's funds shall be considered public funds, and shall be collected pursuant to the provisions of the Public Funds Collection Law in force.

Article (15) - The JFDA's accounts shall be organized according to the proper accounting foundations and subject to the revision of the Audit Bureau.

Article (16) – (A): In accordance with the provisions of the Civil Services System, all staff and workers employed in the drug and food directorates, drug control labs and food labs at the Ministry as well as the required number of employees working at the inspection domain at the Ministry shall be transferred to the JFDA with all their own rights, privileges and obligations attached thereto.

(B): Upon the Director-General's recommendation, the Minister shall have the right to delegate any director of health directorates in governorates to assume the tasks of the control and inspection in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

Article (17) -The JFDA shall be entitled to grant incentives for its employees according to certain criteria defined by the Board for this purpose, provided that Council of Ministers approves them.

Article (18) - None of the provisions of any other legislation shall be operative to the extent that those provisions are in contradiction with the provisions of this law.

Article (19) -The Council of Ministers shall issue the required regulations relating to the execution of the provision of this law.

Article (20) - The Prime Minister and the Ministers are entrusted to enforce the provisions of this Law.

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