



NATIONAL BIOSAFETY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act amends National Biosafety Management Agency Act, 2015 to enlarge the scope of application of the act by including the emerging aspects of modern biotechnology and biosecurity in Nigeria with a view to preventing any adverse effect to human health and environment.

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Arrangement of Sections

Section:

1. Amendment of National Biosafety Management Agency.
2. Amendment of section 3.
3. Insertion of new section "25A".
4. Amendment of section 43.
5. Citation.

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A Bill

For

An Act to amend the National Biosafety Management Agency Act No. 20, 2015 to enlarge the scope of application of the act by including the emerging aspects of modern biotechnology and biosecurity in Nigeria with a view to preventing any adverse effect to human health and environment; and for related matters.

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Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria—

1. The National Biosafety Management Agency Act No. 20, 2015 (in this Act referred to as “the Principal Act”) is amended as set out in this Act.

Amendment of National Biosafety Management Agency.

Act. No. 20, 2015.

2. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by -

Amendment of section 3.

(a) inserting after paragraph (j) a new “paragraph (Ja)” –

“(Ja) put in place measures to ensure Bio-Security;”
and

(b) re-numbering the paragraphs appropriately.

3. Insert, after section 25 of the Principal Act, a new section “25A” –

Insertion of new section 25A.

“Application of
gene drive, gene
editing and
synthetic biology.

25A. A person, institution or body shall not carryout
gene drive, gene editing and synthetic biology
except with the approval of the Agency.”

4. Section 43 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following definitions in alphabetical order –

Amendment of section 43.

“Biosecurity” includes measures to prevent, respond to and recover harmful biological substances or genetically modified organisms that may threaten the health of humans, animals, environment and the economy;

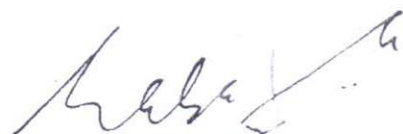
“gene drive” means a genetic engineering technology that can propagate a particular suite of genes throughout a population by adding, deleting, disrupting or modifying genes, which can only spread from sexually reproducing parents to their offspring;

gene editing" means a type of genetic engineering in which DNA is inserted, deleted, modified or replaced in the genome of a living organism;

"Synthetic biology" means the design and construction of novel artificial biological pathways, organisms or devices, or the redesign of existing natural biological systems."

5. This Act may be cited as the National Biosafety Management Agency (Amendment) Act, 2019. Citation.

I, CERTIFY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 (1) OF THE ACTS AUTHENTICATION ACT CAP. A2, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THIS BILL PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.



MOHAMMED ATABA SANI-OMOLORI
CLERK TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

28th DAY OF JUNE, 2019

Schedule to the National Biosafety Management Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2019

SHORT TITLE OF THE BILL	LONG TITLE OF THE BILL	SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BILL	DATE PASSED BY THE SENATE	DATE PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
National Biosafety Management Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2019.	An Act to amend the National Biosafety Management Agency Act No. 20, 2015 to enlarge the scope of application of the act by including the emerging aspects of modern biotechnology and biosecurity in Nigeria with a view to preventing any adverse effect to human health and environment; and for related matters.	This Bill amends the National Biosafety Management Agency Act No. 20, 2015 to enlarge the scope of application of the act by including the emerging aspects of modern biotechnology and biosecurity in Nigeria with a view to preventing any adverse effect to human health and environment	23 rd May, 2019	8 th May, 2019

I certify that this Bill has been carefully compared by me with the decision reached by the National Assembly and found by me to be true and correct decision of the Houses and is in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

Ataba Sani-Omolori
MOHAMMED ATABA SANI-OMOLORI

Clerk to the National Assembly

28th Day of June, 2019

I ASSENT

Muhammadu Buhari
MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR

President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

29th Day of June, 2019