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(Made Pursuant to Section 3 of the Kano State
Environmental Pollution Control Law, 2022)**

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 3 of the Kano State Environmental Pollution Control Law, 2022, and all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Dr. Dahiru Muhammad Hashim, Honourable Commissioner for Environment and Climate Change, Kano State, hereby make the following Regulations:

These Regulations may be cited as the Kano State Environmental Pollution and Waste Control Regulations, 2025, and shall come into force on the 6th day of February, 2025.

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PART 1 PRELIMINARY

1. These Regulations shall apply to issues in environmental sanitation, pollution control and all categories of wastes as provided for herein.
2. The purpose of these Regulations is the adoption of sustainable and environment friendly practices in environmental sanitation, pollution control and waste management in the state.

PART 2 GENERAL PROVISIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CONTROL

I. GENERAL CLEANLINESS

1.
 - a) No person is to discard, throw or drop any item or any similar refuse anywhere except in designated litter bins.
 - b) No owner, operator, occupant or person in care, management or control of premises is to allow the release of waste into the environment.
 - c) No occupant or passenger of any vehicle is to throw or drop any waste onto the streets, roads, highways, public spaces and other undesignated places.
2. Without prejudice to the foregoing, any person whose activities generate waste shall ensure that the waste is handled by a person authorized to transport and dispose of the wastes in designated waste management facility.
3. Any occupant in care, control, or management of a premises or business shall:
 - a) Keep the sidewalks and drainage areas around all the building clean at all times;
 - b) Ensure there is no sweeping out, or throwing of any waste into any drain, public place, private lands, vacant plot, streets, lanes, walkways, within the premises; and

- c) Ensure there is no blockage of the streets, walkways, drains with building or Construction materials such as sand, gravels or chippings, earth, stones, bricks or 2 Cement blocks, iron rods, etc.
- 4.
 - (1) All Food Vendors shall, in line with State Policy Guidelines on Food Sanitation:
 - a) Ensure that litter and other wastes do not pollute the environment;
 - b). Maintain hygiene or cleanliness of the location of business at all times; and
 - c) Collect and dispose all wastes generated in the course of business to a designated collection point.
 - (2) All Food Vendors shall comply with the provisions as contained in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.
- 5. All traders in the markets or in the management or control of a business or operation where wastes are generated in the vicinity shall:
 - a. Ensure that litter and recyclable materials are deposited in appropriate receptacles or wastes bins; and
 - b. Maintain cleanliness and empty receptacle regularly.
- 6. A person in care, management or control of any industrial facility shall:
 - a) Provide welfare facilities such as potable water, conveniences cloakrooms and Canteen;
 - b) Provide educational and pictorial signs to direct persons where they can drop Wastes;
 - c) Provide receptacles for recyclable materials in appropriate and easily accessible Locations;
 - d) Service, maintain and empty the receptacles regularly;
 - e) Keep the premises, drains and all public or private lands, streets, lanes, walkways of the boundary of the property free from litter at all times;
 - f) Ensure that discarded materials are regularly collected and disposed of sanitarily;
 - g) Ensure that recyclable materials are properly packed and neatly stacked; and
 - h) Ensure sorting and segregation of solid waste at source.

II DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

7.

(1) Every Owner of premises shall:

- i)** Provide portable water supply for the premises to ensure sound environmental Sanitation and personal hygiene;
- j)** Provide adequate number of toilets for the occupants as prescribed in Schedule 3 to these Regulations;
- k)** Ensure that the construction and maintenance of septic tank or soak away pit or other on-site sanitation facilities comply with the provisions in Schedule 4 to these Regulations;
- l)** Ensure regular maintenance of the structure;
- m)** Provide drains for waste water, storm water and ensure linkage to surrounding network;
- n)** Ensure that untreated sewage is not piped or discharged into public drains or roads; and g) Ensure regular dislodgement and safe disposal of the contents of the septic tank.

(2) Every occupant of premises shall ensure:

- a)** The cleanliness of the kitchen, drains, toilets, cloak rooms, bathrooms, animal pens and other rooms within the premises;
- b)** Control of vectors in the premises; and
- c)** Regular cutting of grasses, lawns, shrubs, flowers, etc in and around the premises.

8. Any person whose activities generate waste shall segregate such waste by:

- a)** separating hazardous from non-hazardous waste;
- b)** Separating all re-cyclables before putting them out for collection;
- c)** Putting them into securely tied plastic bags or leak proof refuse bins with tightly fitting lids;
- d)** Keeping refuse bins within the premises; and
- e)** Disposing of them in facilities provided by the appropriate Authority.

9. It shall be the responsibility of individuals, groups of persons and bodies corporate to:

- a) Report fly tipping disposal of wastes in or on undesignated location to the appropriate authority;
- b) Pay for the collection and disposal of waste; and
- c) Incorporate environmental care concerns in their day to day activities.

10.

- (1) Every household or dwelling unit shall have safe and adequate waste collection bins for storage of domestic wastes.
- (2) All vehicle owners shall provide appropriate litter receptacle for the use of occupants or passengers.
- (3) The ministry or its agencies shall provide appropriate and adequate litter bins in public places.
- (4) A person in care, management or control of any commercial, business premises or construction sites shall:
 - a) Provide adequate litter bins and receptacles for re-cyclable materials in appropriate and easily accessible locations;
 - b) Service and maintain the receptacles regularly, keep the premises and all public or private lands, streets, lanes, walkways, beaches or docks within 5 meters of the boundary of the property free from litter at all times;
 - c) Ensure that wastes are collected and disposed of; and d) Ensure that all re-cyclable materials are neatly packaged and stacked before disposal.
- (5) A custodian of a venue or person organizes a public, private, recreational or religious event shall:
 - a) Provide adequate number of waste receptacles in appropriate and easily accessible locations to prevent littering;
 - b) Ensure that such wastes are appropriately segregated;
 - c) Service, maintain and empty the waste receptacles as required; and
 - d) Ensure that the venue where an event takes place and all public or private lands, streets, lanes, passageways, of the boundary of the venue or property are free from all litter within 24 hours after the conclusion of the event.

11. All generators of wastes, owners or occupiers of premises where wastes are generated shall be legally and financially responsible for the safe and environmentally sound disposal of their wastes.

12. All generators and managers of wastes shall apply sustainable practices to minimize pollution.

13.

(1) It shall be the responsibility of manufactures and producers to incorporate Environmental concerns in the design, process and disposal of a product, as prescribed in the Kano State Environmental pollution and control Law 2022 of such product.

(2) All manufacturers and importers of food and beverage products shall partner with the ministry to establish an effective consumer product stewardship programme (PSP) and shall submit a proposal for such programme to the ministry for approval.

14. (1) All commercial facilities including recreational facilities shall:

- a) Provide adequate toilet facilities with adequate water supply for the use of their customers;
- b) Provide adequate hand washing facilities; and
- c) Ensure that such toilets and hand washing facilities are kept clean at all times.

(2) A person who organizes or is responsible for a public, private or religious event, shall:

- a) Provide adequate toilet facilities for the use of guests; and
- b) Ensure that the contents of the toilets are properly disposed of into designated sewage handling facility or treatment plant by a authorized operator.

PART 3: HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF WASTES

III. SOLID WASTE CONTROL

15. All owners or occupiers of premises shall provide waste receptacles for storage before collection by authorized waste managers.

16. Any person who owns or control a facility or premises which generates waste shall reduce, re-use and recycle waste, to minimize pollution by adopting the following:

- a.** Imbibe cleaner production principles to conserve raw material and energy;
- b.** Segregate wastes at source;
- c.** Ensure safe disposal.

17. All authorized/licensed waste managers shall undertake waste collection at the designated points at scheduled time or period following the waste collection and transportation guidelines in Schedule 7 to this Regulation.

18. Any person granted license to transport waste shall meet all operational conditions stated in Schedule 7 to this Regulation.

19. A person authorized to transport wastes shall ensure that:

- a)** Waste is collected from designated area of operations and delivered to the designated transfer station, disposal site or plant; 6
- b)** The collection and transportation of waste is conducted in such a manner that will not cause scattering, escaping or flowing out of the waste; and
- c)** The vehicles and equipment for the transportation of waste are in such a state that shall not cause the scattering, escaping, flowing out of the waste or the emission of noxious smells, fumes or smoke from the waste.

20. The state shall grant permission to persons qualified to offer services and shall have the power to revoke such permits, as contained in the Kano State Environmental Pollution Control Law, 2022

21. Any person who before the commencement of these Regulations was carrying on the business of operating a waste management facility shall apply to for a license as contained in the as contained in the Kano State Environmental Pollution Control Law, 2022

22. A permit to operate a waste management facility shall be valid on such terms and conditions including revocation of such permit when it has already been issued, as contained in the Kano State Environmental Pollution Control Law, 2022

23. Every permit holder or operator of a waste management facility shall carry out environmental audit every three (3) years, pursuant to the provisions of the Kano State Environmental Pollution Control Law, 2022

24. All manufacturers of various brands of products specified in Schedule 8 shall:

- a)** Register with the Agency;
- b)** Undertake buy back of the containers for recycling;
- c)** Embark on individual or collective Products Stewardship Programme as contained in Schedule 9 top these Regulations; and
- d)** Support the Environmental Education and Awareness Programme of the ministry or the state.

25.

(1) Every waste management facility shall install at its premises anti-pollution technology for the treatment of waste emanating from such business or industrial undertaking.

(2) Anti-pollution technology installed pursuant to sub-regulation (1) of this regulation shall be based on the best available technology that is economically achievable as may be prescribed by the state.

26. No owner or operator of a waste management facility shall discharge or dispose of any waste in any location into the environment, unless such waste has been treated in a manner or a standard prescribed by the ministry or state.

IV. HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTROL

27. No person shall engage in any activity likely to generate any hazardous waste as defined in these Regulations without a permit issued by state.

28. Hazardous waste types are as listed in Schedule 13 and classified in Schedule to these Regulations.

29. Every generator of hazardous waste shall ensure that every container or package for storing such waste is secured, marked and labeled as prescribed in Schedule 15 to these Regulations.

30. Every person who generates toxic or hazardous waste shall treat or cause such hazardous waste to be treated using methods acceptable to the Agency.

31. Any leachate or other by-products of such treated waste shall be disposed of or treated in accordance with the provisions contained in the Permit.

32.

(1) No person shall transit hazardous wastes without a valid permit issued by the state in consonance with International Conventions.

(2) Where the state is satisfied that all the requirements have been complied with, it shall issue a Permit to the applicant.

33. A Permit for the transit of toxic or hazardous wastes issued under these Regulations shall not be transferable.

34. No person shall transit toxic or hazardous waste destined for another state through Kano State without a valid Prior Informed Consent for such movement issued by the State.

35.

(1) An applicant for a Permit issued under the Kano State Environmental Pollution Control Law, 2022, the State or Ministry of environmental shall satisfy the ministry that he or she has subscribed to an insurance policy covering the risks likely to arise out of the activity for which the permit is required.

(2) A generator of waste which has been characterized as toxic or hazardous under these Regulations, shall upon written instructions form

the ministry , subscribe to an insurance policy to cover the risks causes by the waste.

36. All industrial facilities using various hazardous chemicals and products shall ensure safe appropriate disposal of the hazardous chemical and containers.

V. HEALTH CARE WASTE (HCW) CONTROL

- 37.** Types of HCW are as listed in Schedule 16 of these Regulations.
- 38.** No person shall own or operate any facility that treats HCW without a valid permit issued by the ministry.
- 39.** Any facility that generates HCW shall ensure that the generating facility is registered with the relevant Authority.
- 40.** Any facility that generates HCW shall at the point of generation and at all stages thereafter segregate the waste as contained in Schedule 16 to these Regulations.
- 41.** Any person who generates HCW shall treat or cause to be treated such waste in a manner s contained in Schedule 17 to these Regulations.
- 42.** All HCW shall be securely packaged in colour coded bags or containers as contained in Schedule 18 to these Regulations.
- 43.**
- (1) No person shall transport HCW without a valid permit issued by the relevant Authority.
 - (2) No person shall transport or allow to be transported, HCW other than in a designated vehicle.
- 44.** With the commencement of these Regulations, existing operators of HCW management facility, shall submit Environmental Audit Reports and thereafter submit such Reports, every three years to the ministry.
- 45.** All HCW management facilities shall submit waste management report quarterly to the relevant Authority.

PART 4: INSTITUTIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

46. The Ministry shall:

- a)** Ensure the implementation of the provisions of the Kano State Environmental Pollution Control Law, 2022 at all levels of Government;
- b)** Enforce compliance with the provisions of these Regulations;
- c)** Issue Permits as prescribed in the relevant regulations of these Regulations;
- d)** Ensure compliance with conditions of the Permits as contained in the Law
- e)** Establish strategies alliance with other relevant (MDAs) and stakeholders;
- f)** Ensure that the waste management facilities comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA);
- g)** Embark on intensive environmental education and awareness campaign on sound environmental sanitation and waste management;
- h)** Develop and publicise set standards for environmental sanitation, waste management and equipment procurement and maintenance;
- i)** Develop and periodically review the Regulations, Standards and Guidelines on Environmental Sanitation and Waste Management;
- j)** Initiate and institutionalize extended product program with emphasis on 'buy back' initiative;
- k)** Establish data bank on environmental sanitation and waste management;
- l)** Ensure safe and sustainable control of waste generated by specialized agencies.

47.

- (1)** State shall establish sanitation and integrated waste management programs and ensure the provision and maintenance of:
 - a)** Abattoirs;
 - b)** Adequate toilets and urinals in public places;
 - c)** Waste receptacles in the streets and premises of all kinds;
 - d)** Sites for development of waste management facilities in Local Government Areas.

(2) The State shall:

- a. Ensure clearance of litter and refuse from designated dumps sites;
- b. Ensure that Large and Medium Scale Food Premises comply with relevant guidelines;
- c. Register Municipal and Health Care Waste Collectors;
- d. Register Integrated Pest and Vector Management Outfits; and
- e. Ensure compliance with the provisions of these Regulations.

48.

(1) All relevant MDAs shall ensure the provision and maintenance of:

- a) Sanitary slaughter houses;
- b) Toilets and urinals in public places; and
- c) Waste receptacles in the streets, premises of all kind and public places;
- d) Be responsible for the clearing of litter and waste on the highways;
- e) Ensure that all Food vendors comply with guidelines;

PART 5: OFFENCES

49. It shall be an offence for an owner or occupant in care of premises or in control or management of a business to

- a) release or causes litter to be released into the environment;
- b) fails to contain and dispose litter at construction or demolition site regularly;
- c) fails to segregate waste for proper management;
- d) fails to provide standard containers for storage sorted wastes before collection;
- e) fails to provide, service, maintain or empty receptacles for litter and recyclable materials;
- f) fails to keep litter away from 15 meters within the premises or vacant plots;
- g) fails to locate water source away from pollution source;
- h) fails to immediately clean up or remove debris from around a dug well after installing or repairing pumping equipment;
- i) constructs dug well within 15 meters of soak away pit or similar disposal unit or septic tank, refuse dump, landfill or other source of contamination;
- j) fails to supply information as required for approval to operate waste management facility;
- k) fails to maintain waste management facility in clean and orderly condition;
- l) fails to comply with the decommissioning conditions of waste management facility as may be prescribed by the Agency;
- m) fails to submit to the Agency within a specific period, information or data about material received at dumpsite, landfill or incinerator operations;
- n) carries out or allows open burning of any waste materials including confiscated items or materials;
- o) owns, operates or manages a waste management facility that fails to meet the national standards;
- p) fails to comply with requirements of the abatement or enforcement notices;

- q) suspends, dismiss or imposes penalty on any employee who reports any contravention of these Regulations to the ministry; and
 - r) fails to provide and ensure the use appropriate personal protective equipment while handling, treating or disposing of wastes;
50. It shall be an offence for any commercial, industrial and recreational facility not to
- a) Provide adequate toilet facilities or conveniences for the use of both sexes;
 - b) Provide hand washing facilities;
 - c) Ensure that such toilets and hand washing facilities are kept clean at all times;
 - d) Segregate waste for recycling; and e
 - e) Provide standard receptacles for storage of sorted wastes before collection.
51. It shall be an offence for a person who organizes or is responsible for a public religious, or private event, party, meeting, or the custodian of such venue not to
- a) Provide adequate toilets for the use of guests;
 - b) Ensure sanitary disposal of the contents of the toilet into designated sewage handling facility or treatment plant by a licensed operator;
 - c) Provide an adequate number of receptacles for litter and recyclable materials in appropriate and easily accessible locations;
 - d) Service, maintain and empty the receptacles as required; and
 - e) Ensure that the venue where the event takes place and all public or private lands, streets, lanes, passageways, beaches or docks within 15 metres of the boundary of the venue or property are free from litter within 24 hours after the conclusion of the event.
52. It shall be an offence if a person fails to:
- a) comply with the conditions of any guideline, standard or Permit;
 - b) comply with the requirements of an enforcement notice, under these Regulations; and
 - c) comply without reasonable excuse with any requirement imposed by a notice served by the ministry.

53. It shall be an offence if a food premises fails to:
- a) comply with the conditions of any guidelines or standard contained in these Regulations;
 - b) comply with the requirements of an enforcement notice, under these Regulations;
54. It shall be an offence to make a statement which is known to be false or misleading particularly, where the statement is made:
- a) in purported compliance with a requirement to furnish any information imposed by or under any provision of these Regulations;
 - b) for the purpose of obtaining a Permit;
 - c) to intentionally make a false entry in any record required to be kept under the condition for issuing a Permit; or
 - d) with intent to deceive, forge or use a document issued or authorized to be issued under any of the conditions of a permit.
55. It shall be an offence for any person or facility to:
- a) release or discharge untreated effluent into the environment;
 - b) release effluent and sludge into the environment in excess of the permissible level;
 - c) fail to report release of effluent and sludge into the environment in excess of the permissible level as contained in Schedules 10 and 11 to these Regulations; and
56. It shall be an offence for a person who engages in any activity likely to generate hazardous waste as defined in Schedule 13 to these Regulations not to have a permit issued by the ministry.
57. It shall be an offence for any generator of hazardous waste as classified under Schedules 13 and 14 to these Regulations not to ensure that every container or package for sorting such waste is secured, marked and labeled as prescribed in Schedule 15 to these Regulations.
58. It shall be an offence for any person who generates toxic or hazardous waste not to treat or cause to be treated such hazardous waste using method acceptable to the conditions approved by ministry.
59. It shall be an offence for any person exporting or transiting hazardous wastes to do so without a valid permit issued by the ministry in consonance with international conventions.

60. It shall be an offence for a permit for the export of toxic or hazardous wastes issued under these Regulations to be transferred.
61. It shall be an offence for any person to transit toxic or hazardous waste destined for another state without a valid Prior Informed Consent for such movement issued by the ministry.
62. It shall be an offence for any generator of waste which has been characterized as toxic or hazardous under these Regulations, not to subscribe to an insurance policy, upon written instructions from the Agency, to cover the risks caused by the wastes.
63. It shall be an offence for any Industrial facility using various hazardous chemicals and products not to ensure safe and appropriate disposal of the hazardous chemicals and containers.
64. It shall be an offence for any person to own or operate any facility that treats HCW without a valid license issued by the ministry.
65. It shall be an offence for any facility that generates HCW not to be registered with the relevant Authority.
66. It shall be an offence for any facility that generates HCW not to segregate the waste at the point of generation and at all stages thereafter as contained in schedule 16 to these Regulations.
67. It shall be an offence for any HCW not to securely package in colour coded bags or containers as contained in Schedule 18 to these Regulations.
68. It shall be an offence for any person who generates HCW not to treat or cause to be treated such wastes in a manner as contained in Schedule 16 to these Regulations.
69. It shall be an offence for any person to:
 - a) transport HCW without a valid permit issued by the relevant authority; or
 - b) allow HCW to be transported other than in the designated vehicle.
70. It shall be an offence for existing operators of HCW management facility within six (6) months of the commencement of these Regulations, not to submit Environmental Audit Reports and thereafter submit such reports every three years to the ministry.
71. It shall be an offence for any HCW management facilities not to submit waste management report quarterly to the relevant Authority.

PENALTIES AND FINES

72. Any person who violates any provisions of these regulations is liable to the penalties and payment of other fines and as contained in part IV sections 27 and 28 of the Kano State Environmental Pollution Control Law, 2022.

Made at Kano this 6th day of February, 2025.



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