



## Food and Drugs Authority

### **Mission**

*"To implement the appropriate regulatory measures to achieve the highest standards of safety, efficacy and quality for all food, drugs, cosmetics, chemical substances."*

### **Vision**

*"To become a Centre of excellence in food and drug regulatory affairs on the African Continent."*

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) formerly the Food and Drugs Board (FDB) was established in August 1997 under the Food and Drugs Law, 1992 (PNDCL 305B). It is the National Regulatory Authority mandated by the public Health Act, 2012 (Act 851) to regulate food, drugs, food supplements, herbal and homeopathic medicines, veterinary medicines, cosmetics, medical devices, household chemical substances, tobacco and tobacco products.

The FDA Ghana's legal mandate is found in part 6 (Tobacco Control Measures), part 7 (Food and Drugs), and part 8 (Clinical trials) of the Public Health Act, Act 851 of 2012. The FDA is an Agency under the Ministry of Health with an eleven member Governing Board inclusive of the Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for the day to day administration of the FDA.

### **Objective**

The objective of the Authority is to provide and enforce standards for the sale of food, herbal medicinal products, cosmetics, drugs, medical devices and household chemical substances.

### **Functions of the Authority**

- a. Ensure adequate and effective standards for food, drugs, cosmetics, household chemicals and medical devices;
- b. Monitor through the District Assemblies and any other agency of State compliance with the provisions of Part 6,7 and 8 of the Public Health Act,2012 (ACT 851);
- c. Advise the Minister on measures for the protection of the health of consumers;
- d. Advise the Minister on the preparation of effective Regulations for the implementation of Part 6,7 and 8 of the Public Health Act,2012 (ACT 851);
- e. Approve the initiation and conduct of clinical trials in the country;
- f. Perform any other functions that are ancillary to attaining the objects of the Authority

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