



## **INTRODUCTION TO THIS DOCUMENT**

**The Manufacturer Association of Nigeria (MAN) letter of exemption from the COVID-19 lockdown from the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Investment.**

## **OUR TAKE-AWAYS:**

### **This is what we learned from this document:**

- **MAN has made efforts to ensure that the process of manufacturing is not hindered during this COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **The Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment grants MAN and some organisations offering essential commodities and services exemption from the lockdown imposed.**
- **There are measures put in place by the Ministry to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations.**



**11<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**

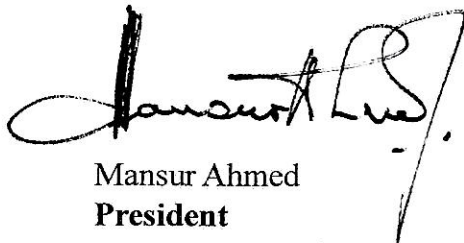
Dear Distinguished Colleagues,

**EXEMPTION LETTER FOR THE CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION OF  
ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES AND SERVICES DURING COVID-19  
PERIOD**

You will observe that as an organisation we have made concerted efforts to ensure that the process of manufacturing goes unhindered during this COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of engagements with the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, we have obtained approval for exemption letter for a list of essential commodities and services as contained in the Ministry's letter attached. If your products are in this list, please print this and the Ministry's letter and make them available to your staff and suppliers for their unhindered movements during this period.

While I enjoin members to adhere to the guidelines and directives as contained in the letter, please accept the assurances of warmest regards.



**Mansur Ahmed  
President**



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**The President,**

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### **RE: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON LOCKDOWN DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC – EXEMPTION LETTER**

Following the directives of Mr. President to the Presidential Committee on COVID-19 and the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI) to ensure sustainable production and effective distribution of essential products throughout the period of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am pleased to inform you that FMITI has established an emergency operation center (as a coordination mechanism) with members drawn from the Ministry, Manufacturing and Road Transport sector to ensure that all key stakeholders namely:

- Manufacturers Association of Nigeria;
- Nigerian Association Chambers of Commerce, Industry Mines and Agriculture;
- National Association of Nigerian Traders; and
- Nigerian Association of Small Scale Industrialists amongst others are actively engaged in the process.

2. It is worthy of note that this measure is to help monitor the real time status of the transportation and delivery of essential goods with a view to cutting down on the difficulties been faced by manufacturers, transporters, and distributors of essentials commodities across the country.
3. In a bid towards identifying what constitutes essential commodities within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic as succinctly stated in Mr. President's address to the nation, our inter agency engagement with officials from Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH), National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) revealed that the listed items attached as appendix I can be classified under essential goods.
4. In order to ensure well guided, coordinated and defined rules of engagement in the course of moving these items, it is our hope that you will facilitate and ensure strict adherence to the following:
- i. trucks are not allowed to convey passengers;
  - ii. the occupants must not exceed three (3) i.e. the driver, a spare driver and conductor; and
  - iii. Drivers must have basic protective and sanitary items including face masks, hand sanitizers and tissue paper to and from their final destination.
5. While appreciating your support and that of your members, please accept the assurances of my highest regards and consideration.

  
**Dr. Nasir Sani-Gwarzo, mni**  
Permanent Secretary



# Appendix I

## List of items classified under Essential Commodities of goods under the COVID-19 Response in Nigeria:

|  |   |   |                                      |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Pharmaceuticals and sanitary supplies  | Food  | Equipment, Packaging and Associated Services  | Energy Supply, Chemicals and others  |
| All health and pharmaceutical supplies. (including personal protective garments) | Bread, biscuits and other bakery products   | All parts for medical devices and machines    | Oil and gas                          |
| Detergents   | Sugar   | Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).          | PTA and PET resins                   |
| Disinfectants  | Water, soft drinks and malt   | Medical and surgical devices                  | Polyester fibers and filaments       |
| Sanitizers   | Dairy products-animal and plant milk, infant formula, cheese, yoghurt and flavoured drinks                          | Generator                                     | Polypropylene and polyethylene       |
| Personal care items i.e. soaps, body spray, roll on, deodorants etc.             | Wheat, all grain milled products, wheat flour and flour products such as cheese balls, noodles, macaroni, spaghetti | Equipment repairs                             | ABS & MABS resin                     |
| Toilet paper and tissue paper  | Vegetable and animal oil and fat, and vegetable processed products  | Related equipment spare parts                 | Maleic Anhydride                     |
| All chemicals and drug production  | Condiments and spices   | Courier Services                              | PVC paste resin                      |
| Medical attire including face masks, rubber gloves e.t.c.                        | Powder Maize, cassava, food grade starch, cornflakes, coconut flakes  | All related packaging equipment and materials | Expanded EPE                         |
| Diapers and wipes  | Canned foods and frozen foods   | Agricultural Machineries                      | Impact modifiers and processing aids |



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| Sanitary pads     | Fish and processed fish and sea foods such as crayfish, prawns |  | Styrene monomer  |
| Toothpastes       | Meat, chicken, mutton stakes, pork                             |  | Styrene butadiene latex  |
| Blades and Razors | Processed yam  |  | Polystyrene  |
|                   | Processed fruits and vegetables                                |  | Agro Chemicals and chemical products- Fertilizer and Pesticide |
|                   | Animal feeds   |  | Electrical & Electronics (E&E) including semi conductors.      |
|                   | Rice and rice flour  |  |  |
|                   | Ground nut, Peanut butter                                      |  |  |
|                   | Packaged grains and legumes such as beans and cowpeas          |  |  |
|                   | Food grade flavor and chemicals for food production            |  |  |
|                   | Coffee, tea, Cocoa   |  |  |
|                   | Fresh fruits   |  |  |

