



To: Nigeria Governors' Forum
 From: Director General
 Date: December 13, 2018
 Subject: **Re: Request for the Banning Importation of NPK 15-15-15 Fertilizer in Nigeria**

We wish to draw Your Excellencies attention to the Presidential approval of the ban of importation of fertilizer NPF 15:15:15, or any such similar variety in Nigeria with immediate effect.

This prohibition stemmed from the letter to H.E President Muhammadu Buhari from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Chief Audu Ogbeh, dated 26th October, 2018 seeking the immediate ban of the product as it constitutes a threat to the sustainability of the agricultural sector in Nigeria.

Please find attached for your information.

Director General



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STATE HOUSE,
ABUJA,
NIGERIA.

Reference: SH/COS/ 05/A/2285

6th December, 2018

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Federal Ministry of Finance
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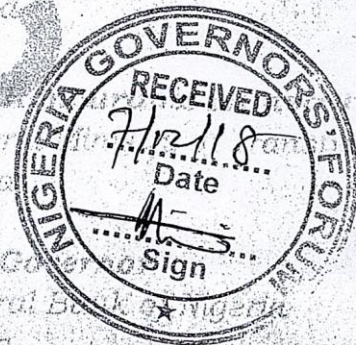
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REQUEST FOR THE BANNING OF IMPORTATION OF NPK 15-15-15 FERTILISER IN NIGERIA

By the attached, I write to inform you that Mr. President has approved the prohibition of the importation of fertiliser NPK15;15:15, or any such similar variety, into Nigeria with immediate effect.

2. You hereby requested to comply with this directive by informing all relevant agencies and departments.
3. Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.

Abba Kyari

Chief of Staff to the President

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Office of the Chief of Staff to the President C-in-C

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CC:

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation
The Chairman, Nigeria Governors Forum ✓
The Honourable Minister of Interior
The National Security Advisor to the President
The Inspector General, Nigeria Police Force
The Comptroller General, Nigeria Customs Services
The Managing Director, Nigeria Ports Authority
The Director General, Standard Organisation of Nigeria
The Director General, Department of State Security
The Director General, National Intelligence Agency

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26th October, 2018

H.E. Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR

President,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
State House,
Abuja

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M.E. Muhammadu Buhari,
President,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
State House,
Abuja

Your Excellency,

**REQUEST FOR THE BANNING OF IMPORTATION OF NPK 15-15-15
FERTILIZER IN NIGERIA**

I write, with respect, to bring Your Excellency's kind attention to the disturbing trend in the Country regarding the continued procurement and application of NPK fertilizers. It is an unhealthy practice, which constitutes a grave danger to the sustainability of the agricultural sector, unless it is effectively checked through an appropriate and timely policy response.

2. In spite of the tremendous achievements of this Administration, under the Presidential Fertilizer Initiative, many key stakeholders, including State Governors, are still importing fertilizers that we do not need. Of particular concern is the NPK 15-15-15 which they are bringing in large quantities, bearing in mind that this variety is totally unsuitable for virtually all our soil types. Our local blends of 20-10-5 are what our farmers, and our soils, actually need for enhanced agricultural production and improved yields in the Country.

3. We have repeatedly drawn the attention of key stakeholders in the agricultural sector in Nigeria to the grave danger that the procurement and application of NPK 15-15-15 fertilizer constitute to the overall health and well-being of our agricultural sector. With introspection, it has brought more harm than good, hence the need for a policy shift to put an end to its importation and application in Nigeria.

4. It is in this regard that we, respectfully, request Your Excellency to urgently consider and graciously approve the prohibition of the importation of NPK 15-15-15 fertilizer, or any such similar variety, into Nigeria, bearing in mind that that we have more than enough appropriate, suitable and affordable fertilizers from the local blends in the Country to adequately meet our requirements in the agricultural sector.

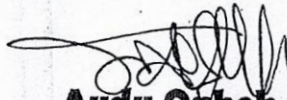



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Besides, the continued importation of the NPK 15-15-15 constitutes a source of massive waste of scarce resources, which we can ill afford, at this period when we are seriously resource-challenged, in addition to its multi-faceted deleterious effects on the national economy.

5. Please accept, as always Your Excellency, the assurances of my loyalty and highest esteem.

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Audu Ogben, OFR
Honourable Minister

Please write to CSC and states that the importation of the NPK 15-15-15 is prohibited with immediate effect.  11-18.

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