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Kwahu West Municipal Assembly (Universal Salt Iodation) Bye-law, 2018

In exercise of the powers conferred on Kwahu West Municipal Assembly by the Local Governance Act 2016 (Act 936) these Bye-laws are hereby made:

1. Mandatory Fortification of Salt

No person shall

- (a) mine salt for human or animal consumption, or
- (b) manufacture, package, label, advertise, store, deliver, distribute, trade, sell or export salt, that is not fortified with potassium with the Food and Drugs law, PNDCL 305B (AMENDMENT ACT 523)

2. All salt meant for human and animal consumption shall be produced and fortified in accordance with the following Ghanaian standard:

- (a) GS 154:2006 spices and condiments – specification for salt fortified with iodine.

3. This section shall not apply to salt meant for industrial purposes.

4. Deception of Consumers

Salt for industrial purposes shall not be labeled clearly and verified to that effect and stored and displayed separately from salt intended for human or animal consumption.

5. A person shall not label, package, or sell or advertise salt in a manner that is likely to be mistaken for salt of the prescribed standard

6. Closure of Premises

Any individuals, groups and companies involved in the mining, refinery, distribution or packaging of salt shall regularize their operations with the local government under whose jurisdiction the concession lie in accordance with the local government's business operation codes. Production or commerce in salt without proof of approval by the Kwahu West Municipal Assembly is prohibited. A certificate attesting to approval to conduct business shall be made available for inspection at all times.

7. This operational approval certificate issued by the local government through Kwahu West Municipal Assembly does not absolve any business entity from any regulatory requirement of the Food and Drugs Authority.

8. Implementation of the Mandatory

The Environmental Health Officer (EHO) or any designated officer of the Municipal Assembly is authorised to enter any establishment engaged in the production, storage, distribution and sale of salt and inspect any consignment of salt to ensure compliance with these Bye-laws.

9. No person shall obstruct or resist any officer of the Municipal Assembly who is acting to the requirements of these Bye-laws in the performance of the duties relating to these Bye-laws

10. Any establishment involved in the production or commerce of salt, which does not conform to the requirements of these Bye-laws, commits an offence.

11. The Municipal Assembly, based on recommendation of EHO may withdraw registration of establishment for non-compliance with these Bye-laws.

12. The EHO shall report quarterly to the Municipal Assembly regarding compliance to these Bye-laws.

13. Penalty

A person who is found guilty of an offence under these Bye-laws is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred (500) penalty units or to a term of imprisonment, not exceeding two years or to both the fine and the imprisonment and is liable, in the case of continuing offence, to a further fine of twenty-five (25) penalty units for each day during which the offence continues.

