



## **DIRECTIVE FOR THE FORTIFICATION OF ALL WHEAT FLOUR AND VEGETABLE OIL(S) LOCALLY PRODUCED AND/OR IMPORTED**

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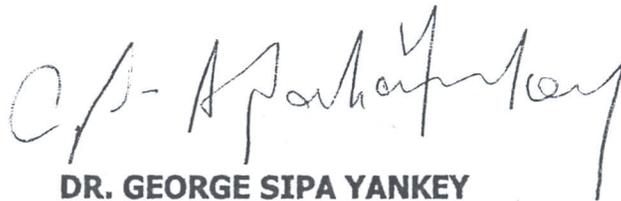
In view of the fact that the Regulations on the fortification of wheat flours and vegetable oils is still pending passage into Legislative Instrument, there is an increased need to protect the public from the risks associated with the consumption of unfortified wheat flour and vegetable oil(s).

It has become imperative to communicate to all stake holders and the general public, the regulatory requirements in the interim for the production and importation of all wheat flour and/or vegetable oil(s).

The Ministry of Health would like to bring to the notice of all current and prospective producers and importers of wheat flour and vegetable oil(s) the following requirements for the production and importation of wheat flour and vegetable oil(s) in line with the following Ghana Standards:

1. All wheat flour and vegetable oil (locally produced and/or imported) are to be fortified in accordance to the following Ghana Standards:
  - (i) GS 811:2006 Cereals and Pulses – Specification for fortified strong wheat flour
  - (ii) GS 812:2006 Cereals and Pulses – Specification for fortified soft wheat flour
  - (iii) GS 813: 2006 Animal and Vegetable fats and oils – specification for fortified named vegetable oils
2. All Fortificant premix for the fortification of the above named food stuffs should conform to the Ghana Standards listed below:
  - (i) GS 809:2006 Standard Specification for fortificant premix for wheat flour
  - (ii) GS: 810:2006 Standard Specification for fortificant premix for vegetable oil
3. The company must be registered with the Food and Drugs Board (FDB) as a producer and or an importer of wheat flour and/ vegetable oil(s).

4. The wheat flour and or vegetable oil(s) should be registered with the FDB.
5. The labeling on the wheat flour and or vegetable oil(s) must conform to the approved format as specified by the FDB.
6. The company must comply with all other regulatory requirements specified by FDB as well as statutory requirements of the Custom, Excise and Preventive Service (CEPS)
7. In the interest of public health and safety, all companies are to comply with these interim regulatory measures on fortification of wheat flour and or vegetable oil(s).
8. The FDB will take the necessary regulatory action against any company that fails to comply with these interim regulatory measures.

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**MINISTER OF HEALTH**