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Nigeria

NAFDAC set a five-year plan in 2019 to trace at least 70% of medicines sold, with GS1-based traceability for all pharmaceutical products targeted by the end of 2024. Whether that deadline held has not been confirmed.

THE REGIME

SYSTEM	NAFDAC medicines traceability (five-year plan from 2019)
CODE ON THE PRODUCT	GS1 identifiers on medicines
AGGREGATION	Planned.

STEPS FOR A SUPPLIER

- ☐ Register your products and GTINs in the national system: NAFDAC medicines traceability.
- ☐ Print a unique serialised code on every saleable pack.
- ☐ Verify every code on the line; aggregate into cases and pallets where required.
- ☐ Report production and shipments to the national system.

ON THE LINE, BEFORE THE FIRST SHIPMENT

- ☐ The data in the code is agreed: GTIN, serial number, batch, expiry date or crypto tail, as the rules for your product group require.
- ☐ A verifier has graded printed samples (ISO/IEC 15415 for 2D codes) before the first shipment.
- ☐ A camera after the printer reads every code at line speed, and packs with an unreadable code are rejected.
- ☐ Records show which code went on which pack, case and pallet, ready for the report to the system.

DATES AHEAD

No announced dates.

SOURCES

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2. Visiott: Nigeria regulations: <https://www.visiott.com/info-point/regulations/nigeria-regulations/>

Current version and all sources:
2dtracker.com/country/nigeria.html

Typical steps. This is not legal advice: check the regulation itself.