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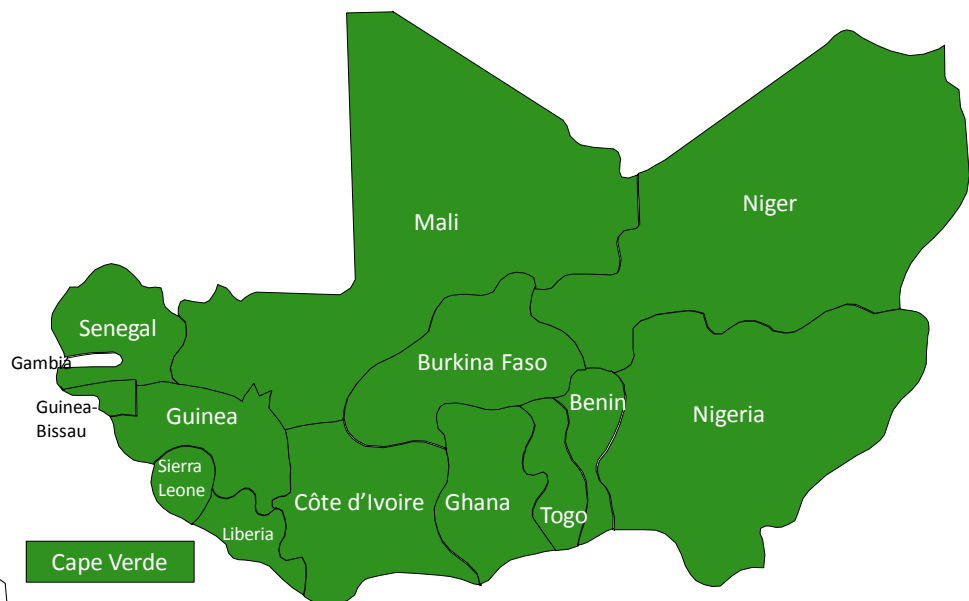
Food Fortification Legislation in West Africa

Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy
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PROGRESS ON FOOD FORTIFICATION IN WEST AFRICA

MANDATORY LEGISLATION - 2016



MANDATORY LEGISLATION - 2002



KEY ELEMENTS IN FORTIFICATION



PARTNERSHIPS

- Population-based identification of food vehicles
- Industry assessments
- Legal framework
- Production
- Quality assurance
- Public awareness raising on fortification
- Private marketing of fortified foods
- Monitoring and evaluation

ADVOCACY

FORTIFICATION OF WHEAT FLOUR - 2016

FORTIFICATION LEGISLATION

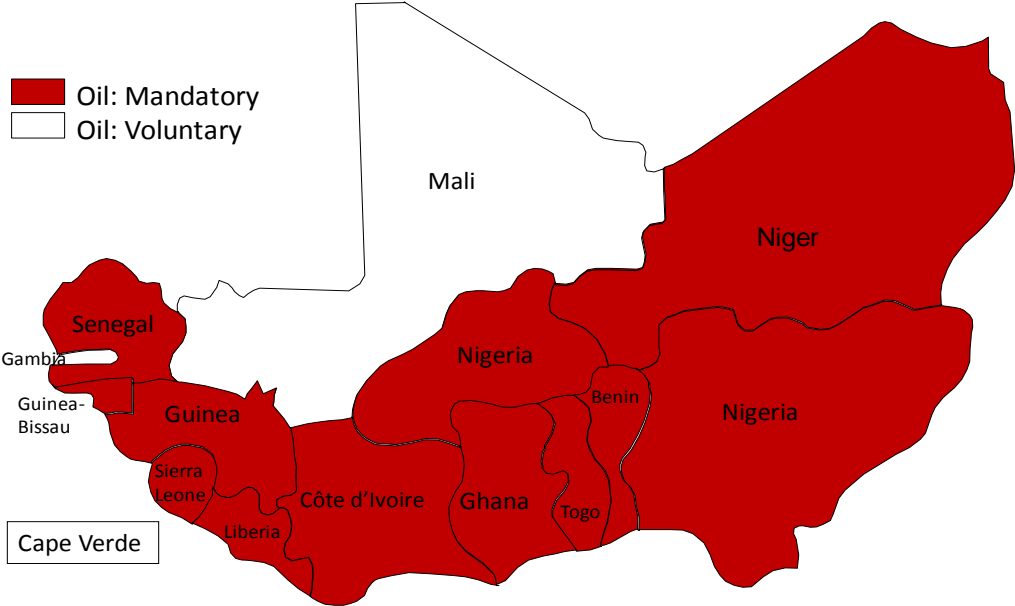


- Flour: Mandatory
- Flour: Voluntary



FORTIFICATION OF VEGETABLE OIL - 2016

- Oil: Mandatory
- Oil: Voluntary



Status as of 2016

REGIONAL COORDINATION



- West African Health Organization (**WAHO**)
- West African Economic and Monetary Union (**UEMOA**)
 - Technical: guidelines and training
 - Standards: harmonized across 8-country UEMOA zone
- **ECOWAS**
 - Commissioner of Private Sector Promotion
 - Commissioner of Industry
 - ECOWAS Harmonization Model
- **Regional Industry Associations**
 - AIFO-UEMOA (oil)
 - AIM-UEMOA (flour)



NATIONAL COORDINATION



- Ministries of Health, Trade, Agriculture
- Standards setting bodies
- Food control agencies and Labs
- Customs and border agencies
- Private Sector
- Consumer associations
- National fortification alliances
- Civil Society



MILESTONES 1

ECOWAS Assembly of Health Ministers

- 1994 resolution on Salt Iodization
- 2006 resolution on mandatory fortification of wheat flour and vegetable oil



L'Harmonisation des Politiques (commerciale, douanière et fiscale) pour une fortification obligatoire des produits alimentaires dans les pays de la CEDEAO

. RESOLUTION POUR LA FORTIFICATION OBLIGATOIRE EN MICRONUTRIMENTS DES ALIMENTS DANS LES PAYS DE LA CEDEAO.

MILESTONES 2

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
OF WEST AFRICAN STATES



COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE
DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE
DE L'OUEST

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SOIXANTE-QUINZIEME SESSION ORDINAIRE DU CONSEIL DES MINISTRES DE LA CEDEAO

Abuja, 13 et 14 Décembre 2015

UEMOA

- Harmonized fortification standards and logo since 2009

ECOWAS

- Council of Ministers adopted harmonized standards for vegetable oil December 2015
- Wheat flour and Iodized salt on agenda for 2016 Council of Ministers