

# Regulatory framework for Shippers' Council ready soon — Bello

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Executive Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Shippers' Council, NSC, Hassan Bello, has said that the Council is working with relevant government agencies to put in place the legal regulatory framework for it to function effectively as port economic regulator.

Bello who disclosed this in his office in Lagos, said that the Council recently met with the

Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, NIMASA, Nigerian Ports Authority, NPA, Nigeria Customs Service, NCS, the Attorney General of the Federation and others to work out the modalities for the framework. He explained that the Council has been engaging in consultation with all the relevant stakeholders in the industry to ensure that all of them are in agreement when full enforcement commences by the NSC. Bello said that the

consultation has taken them to the NCS, NPA, CBN, Ministry of Finance, Nigerian Immigration Service, NIS, on the side of the government and all the other critical stakeholders in the sector including terminal operators, shipping companies, freight forwarders, truckers, etc. The Shippers' Council boss said the consultation was necessary because they want to be as transparent as possible when the enforcement commences.

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