DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS ACT, 1990 (ACT No. 119 OF 1990)

INVITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED INSPECTION FEES FOR 2026 BY THE DESIGNATED ASSIGNEE, FOOD SAFETY AGENCY (PTY) LTD

The Executive Officer: Agricultural Product Standards hereby invites comments on the proposed inspection fees in terms of section 3 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act no. 119 of 1990), as amended. The proposed inspection fees are derived from the business plan and budget, which can be accessed on the Department's website, thus enabling stakeholders to make informed comments or representations to the Executive Officer.

The proposed inspection fees for 2026 by Food Safety Agency (Pty) Ltd are as follows:

| Category of fees | Current Gazetted Fees | Proposed Fees for 2026 (Inflationary increase of 6%) |
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| Inspection fees: | | |
| Normal time (08:00 – 16:00) | R510.00 per hour | R540.60 per hour |
| Normal overtime (Mon - Sat) | R567.00 per hour | R601.02 per hour |
| Sundays and public holidays | R680.00 per hour | R720.80 per hour |
| Kilometre rate | R6.50 per kilometre | R6.50 per kilometre |
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| Sampling fees: | | |
| Protein content (Meat content) | R503.00 per sample | R533.18 per sample |
| Fat content | R826.00 per sample | R875.56 per sample |
| Soya content | R1 665.00 per sample | R1 764.90 per sample |
| Starch content | R1 472.00 per sample | R1 560.32 per sample |
| Calcium determination (MRM only) | R379.00 per sample | R401.74 per sample |
| Meat species identification (DNA) | R2 605.00 per sample | R2 761.30 per sample |
| Physical test (Coated products) | R200.00 per sample | R212.00 per sample |

Comments and representations must be submitted within **30 days** from the date of publication of this Notice to the following address:

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