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

REGULATIONS REGARDING POULTRY MEAT INTENDED FOR SALE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA: PROPOSED AMENDMENT

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

I, Willem Abraham Stephanus Aucamp, Minister for Agriculture, acting under section 15 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), hereby make known that I intend to publish the amended regulations relating to classification and marking of Poultry meat intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa.

All interested parties are invited to submit comments and any representations concerning the above-mentioned proposed amended regulations in writing within **30 days** from the date of publication of this Notice to the following address:

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The proposed amendment regulations are available on the Department's website at the following link: [Department of Agriculture - Draft Legislation for Comments](#), or can be forwarded via electronic mail or posted to any person upon request.



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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CONTROL OVER THE SALE OF POULTRY MEAT IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA: AMENDMENT

The Minister of Agriculture has, acting under section 15 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No.119 of 1990), made the regulations in the Schedule.

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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Schedule, “**the Regulations**” means the regulations published by Government Notice No. R. 946 of 27 March 1992, as amended by Government Notice No. R. 988 of 25 July 1997 and Government Notice No. R 471 of 22 April 2016.

Amendment of regulation 1 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion, after the definition of “marinade”, of the following definition:

“**method of production**” means a manner of production, and or processing, and or handling of certain agricultural products following a particular auditable protocol which is distinguished by the use of a claim as defined in the regulations relating to the management control system in respect of the sale and export of certain agricultural products published in terms of the Act.”

Amendment of regulation 2 of the Regulations

3. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion of the following sub-regulation after sub-regulation (3) as follows:

“(4) Any claim relating to a method of production associated with poultry meat shall comply with the applicable Management Control System registered in terms of the regulations relating to the management control system in respect of the sale and export of certain agricultural products published in terms of the Act.”

Amendment of regulation 8 of the Regulations

4. Regulation 8 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion of the following sub-regulation after sub-regulation (3) as follows:

“(4) Any claim related to a method of production indicated on a container, label or in the presentation of poultry meat shall comply with the applicable Management Control System registered in terms of the regulations relating to the management control system in respect of the sale and export of certain agricultural products published in terms of the Act.”

Amendment of regulation 13 of the Regulations

5. Regulation 13 of the Regulations is hereby amended by—

- the deletion of sub-regulation (4) (a), (b),

(4) (a) Poultry carcasses shall only be marked with the expression 'Free range X' or 'Vryloop X', where 'X' represents the type of poultry from which the carcass is derived, if such carcasses were obtained from poultry which had continuous daytime access to open air runs.

(b) the open air runs referred to in paragraph (a) shall -

- (i) be mainly covered with vegetation where poultry is able to scratch and dustbath; and
- (ii) be big enough to allow ample running space.

- And the renumbering of sub-regulation (5) to “(4)”.

COMMENCEMENT

6. These regulations shall come into operation on the date of publication thereof.