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DESIGNATION OF ASSIGNEES WITH RESPECT TO THE INSPECTION OF LOCAL AND IMPORTED ANIMAL AND PROCESSED PRODUCTS

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Mr Senzeni Zokwana, has designated three assignees on 13 January 2017 to inspect various locally produced/ manufactured as well as imported animal and processed plant products.

This resulted from a lengthy and a transparent selection process. The assignees are designated in terms of section 2(3) of the Agricultural Product Standards Act No. 119 of 1990 and will be responsible for the implementation of section 3 and its associated supporting sections of the Act.

The following assignees will be responsible for the application of the local/import regulations relating to the products they were appointed for:

1. Nejahmogul Technologies and Agric Services

Dairy and imitation dairy products

Edible ices

2. Agency for Food Safety

Poultry meat

Eggs

Any other meat and meat products for which regulations may be promulgated

3. Impumelelo Agribusiness Solutions

Processed products (fruit juices and drinks, frozen fruit and vegetables, jam, jelly & marmalade, rooibos, honey, table olives, fat spreads, mayonnaise & salad dressings and vinegar)

Canned processed products (canned pasta, canned mushrooms, canned fruit and canned vegetables)

Any other processed products and canned processed products for which regulations may be promulgated

The designated assignees will now commence with setting up their operations and consulting the affected stakeholders. They will in due course be operational throughout the value chain, i.e. at factories, processing facilities, distribution centres, retail outlets, ports of entry, etc.

The appointments imply that all animal and processed products regulated under the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990) will be subjected to inspection at a cost to the owner / seller/ importer of such products. The cost of inspection will be based on gazetted tariffs which would have been properly informed by an objective cost recovery model.

The importance of implementing these regulations will result in the promotion of fair trade practices, consistent quality products and consumer protection. The enforcement of the regulations will further result in the prevention of poor quality products being imported into South Africa.

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