

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS

PROPOSED DRAFT REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CLASSIFICATION AND MARKING OF MEAT INTENDED FOR SALE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA: AMENDMENT

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Regulation 1		
Classification stamps	Amendment of the definition “classification stamps” “ classification stamps ” means the stamps used by the independent qualified person to stamp mark the carcass according to the meat classification requirements in the manner set out in regulation 15.	To align the definition with section 2(3) of the Agricultural Products Standards Act, 1990 (Act 119 of 1990), since reference is only to the assignee. The term “independent qualified person” is deleted.
Independent qualified person	The deletion of the definition “independent qualified person” “independent qualified person” means an individual, performing meat classification in the service of a service provider, who has been trained and thereafter successfully assessed by the assignee in meat classification in terms of the requirements of these regulations and who has no association, either directly or indirectly, with the abattoir concerned;	To align the regulations with the Agricultural Products Standards Act, 1990 (Act 119 of 1990). In terms of section 2(3) of the Agricultural Products Standards Act, 1990 (Act 119 of 1990), reference is to the assignee only.
Method of production	Insertion of the term “method of production” “ 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;	To align the regulations with the refined definition of the Management Control System as captured in the amended Agricultural Products Standards Act.
Quality indication	The deletion of the definition “quality indication” “quality indication” means a word or expression or brand name or trade mark or any other mark or symbol, that may directly or by implication influence the choice of the buyer in buying that specific meat, that has been approved by the executive officer on written request for use in an roller mark and/or as a stamp on the carcasses and /or as indication on meal or the packaging;	To replace “quality indication” with the “method of production”. Protocols registered under the management control systems will enable comprehensive regulation of various claims as provided for in the Amended Agricultural Product Standards Act of 2024.
Service provider	The deletion of the definition “service provider” “service provider” Means an independent organization or entity that provides independent qualified persons performing meat classification services at abattoirs, and confirmed by the assignee to comply with the list of requirements in Table 6; and	To align the regulation with the APS Act. There is no reference to service providers in the Act; section 2(3) of the Agricultural Products Standards Act, 1990 (Act 119 of 1990), refers only to the assignee.

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Regulation 2		
New sub-regulation 4	<p>The insertion of sub-regulation after sub-regulation 3, as follows;</p> <p>“(4) The restriction in sub-regulation (1)(c) above shall, where necessary, not apply in the following instances: Provided that the assignee shall be informed in writing on an annual basis by the abattoir concerned:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Roller-marking of calf, bovine, sheep and goat carcasses, as prescribed in regulations 17, 18 and 19, when such carcasses are destined for export or processing.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Applying of classification stamp marks on pig carcasses, as prescribed in regulation 15, when such carcasses are destined for export or processing: Provided further that classification markings shall still be indicated on the ears.”</p>	To cater for, amongst others, differentiation of locally or export-intended products.
Regulation 3		
Sub-regulation 3(a)	<p>Amended by the deletion of the wording “if 40 and more that specific species are slaughtered per month” in sub-regulation (3)(3)(a) and will read as follows:</p> <p>“(a) if an abattoir-identification code has been registered for an abattoir, all carcasses of a species originating from that abattoir shall be classified and roller-marked.”</p>	Aims to include inspection of smaller abattoirs for classification of meat as prescribed by section 3(1) of the Agricultural Products Standards Act, 1990 (Act 119 of 1990).
Sub-regulation 3(b)	<p>Amended by the deletion of the wording “of which 40 and more of that specific species are slaughtered per month at the abattoir” in sub-regulation (3)(3)(b) and will read as follows:</p> <p>“(b) a period of grace not exceeding three months after the registration of an abattoir-identification code shall be allowed with regard to the implementation of the meat classification and roller-marking for each species.”</p>	Aims to include inspection of smaller abattoirs for classification of meat as prescribed by section 3(1) of the Agricultural Products Standards Act, 1990 (Act 119 of 1990).