

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF MEAT CLASSIFICATION REGULATIONS

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Scope of Presentation

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1. South African Meat Industry Company (SAMIC)

- Designated in terms of **section 2(3)(a)** of the Agricultural Product Standards (**APS**) Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), Gazetted Notice No. 121 of 1998 in GG No. 18635 of 30 January 1998.
- Responsible for Meat (classification – cattle, sheep, goats and pigs).



2. Mandate of SAMIC as per the APS Act

- **Section 3A (1)(a) and (b)**: Audit or Inspection, grading and sampling for quality control.
- **Section 7**: Powers of entry, investigation and sampling.
- **Section 8**: Seizures



3. Purpose of amending the Meat Classification Regulations

- Aligning meat classification regulations with the **Agricultural Product Standards Act,1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990)**, as amended.
- Align with the Regulations relating to the **Management Control System (MCS) in respect of the Sale and Export of Certain Agricultural Products** published as Government Notice No. R. 6634 on 19 September 2025.



4. Proposed amendments to the Meat Classification Regulations

Major proposed amendments are:

4.1 Deletion of “Quality Indication” and replaced by the **“method of production.”** Protocols registered under the MCS will enable comprehensive regulations of **various claims** as provided for in the Amended Agricultural Product Standards Act No. 12 of 2023.



4. Proposed amendments to the Meat Classification Regulations (Continuation---)

4.2 Deletion of “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 the regulations

Reason for the deletion: To align the definition with **section 2(3)** of the APS Act, since reference is only to the assignee. The term “independent qualified person” is deleted.



4. Proposed amendments to the Meat Classification Regulations (Continuation---)

4.3 Deletions of “independent qualified person” and “service provider.”

Reason for deletions of “independent qualified person” and “service provider.”

To align the regulations with the APS Act. In terms of **section 2(3)** of the APS Act, reference is to the **assignee only**.



4. Proposed amendments to the Meat Classification Regulations (Continuation---)

4.4 Regulation 3, **deletion of 40 or more** of a specific species are slaughtered per month”.

Reason for deletion:

Aims to include inspection of smaller abattoirs for classification of meat as prescribed by section 3(1) of the APS Act.



4. Proposed amendments to the Meat Classification Regulations (Continuation---)

4.5 Insertion of **“method of production”** definition, 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;

Reason for the insertion of “method of production.” To align the regulations with the refined definition of the Management Control System as captured in the amended Agricultural Products Standards Act 12 of 2023.



5. Gazetted Notice to invite public comment

- Notice No. 7534 of 29 May 2026 was published in the Government Gazette, inviting the public to comment.
- Link to access the Gazetted Notice and Draft Meat Classification Regulations
- <https://www.nda.gov.za/index.php/publication/520-draft-legislation-for-comment>
- Due date for receiving comments: **30 June 2026.**



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