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Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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TO: 1. ALL EXPORTERS OF CANNED VEGETABLES
2. SOUTH AFRICAN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CANNERS' ASSOCIATION
3. APPOINTED ASSIGNEE – P.P.E.C.B.

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Subject

DISPENSATION: SAMPLING OF CANNED VEGETABLES DESTINED FOR EXPORT

A. Repeal of dispensation

The dispensation issued on 15 February 2019 under the same caption as above is hereby repealed.

B. New dispensation

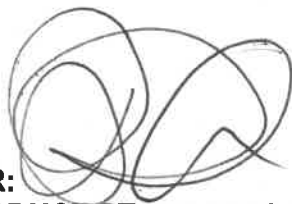
1. Item 14 of the existing export standards and requirements for canned vegetables (Std. No. B-4; promulgated by Government Notice 1925 of 10 September 2004) specifically prescribes the number of samples that shall be taken by an inspector for the purpose of inspection and grading.

Section 3A(1)(e) of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No.119 of 1990) however stipulates that for the purpose of inspection, grading and sampling for quality control, an inspector shall take such samples of a product, material, substance or other article in question as he or she may deem necessary.

2. Permission is hereby granted by the Executive Officer: Agricultural Product Standards, in terms of section 4(4) of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No.119 of 1990), to all inspectors of the appointed assignee (i.e. P.P.E.C.B.) to apply the following principle when sampling canned vegetables presented for export instead of the sampling plan prescribed in item 14 of the export standards and requirements for canned vegetables:
 - For the purpose of inspection, grading and sampling for quality control, an inspector shall take such samples of a product, material, substance or other article in question as he or she may deem necessary.

This permission is subjected to the following conditions:

- (a) All other conditions of relevant export regulations and standards & requirements shall be complied with.
- (b) It may be withdrawn at any time should a valid complaint be received.
- (c) All exporters of canned vegetables indemnify this Directorate and the Department from any detrimental effect, financially or otherwise, which may emanate as a result of this permission.
- (d) **Termination date:** When a Notice has been published in the Government Gazette to amend the export standards and requirements for canned vegetables accordingly.



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