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TO: All Exporters of Canned Fruits and Vegetables.
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Subject

DISPENSATION: EXPORT OF CANNED PRODUCTS LABELLED WITH A POSTAL ADDRESS INSTEAD OF A PHYSICAL ADDRESS.

1. Background

Both the Export Standards and Requirements regarding Control of the Export of Canned Fruit [Notice 1172 of 12 July 2002, as amended by Notice 906 of 23 December 2011] and Canned Vegetables [Notice 1925 of 10 September 2004] require that the physical address of the manufacturer or packer be indicated on the container/label.

In view of the current logistical and other constraints experienced by exporters to export canned products labelled with the postal address instead of the required physical address, and since this practice is acceptable in certain importing countries, the Department has taken a decision to issue the following dispensation to all exporters of canned fruit and vegetables:

2. Dispensation

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 exporters of canned fruit and vegetables to label their products with a postal or private bag address instead of the required physical address, provided that this practice is acceptable in the importing country.

This permission is subject to the following conditions:

- All other conditions of the relevant export regulations as well as the export standards and requirements shall be complied with.
- It may be withdrawn at any time should a valid complaint be received.
- All exporters of canned fruit and canned vegetables indemnify this Directorate and the Department from any detrimental effect, financially or otherwise, which may emanate as a result of this permission.
- Termination date: When the amended export standards and requirements for canned fruit and canned vegetables are published in the Government Gazette.


EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS ACT, 1990 (ACT 119 OF 1990)
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