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FAX COVER SHEET

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| TO: | All Manufacturers, Packers, Retailers and Importers of Regulated Animal and Processed Plant Products | | |
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Subject

DISPENSATION: COUNTRY OF ORIGIN INDICATION ON PACKAGING CONTAINING ANIMAL & PROCESSED PLANT PRODUCTS REGULATED UNDER THE APS ACT

1. Repealing of the previous dispensation

The original dispensation issued on 23 July 2012 under the same heading is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

2. Dispensation

Permission is hereby granted by the Executive Officer: Agricultural Product Standards in terms of section 3(1)(c) of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), to all manufacturers, packers, retailers and importers of the regulated animal and processed plant products listed in the Annexure hereto, to indicate the country of origin as follows on all packaging (containers and outer containers) containing these products: Provided that no abbreviations shall be used and the letter size of the smallest letter in such indication shall be at least 1mm in height:

- "Product of (name of country)" if all the main ingredients, processing and labour used to make the product are from one specific country; or
- "Produced in (name of country)", "Processed in (name of country)", "Manufactured in (name of country)", "Made in (name of country)", or wording having a similar meaning, when the product is processed in a second country which changes its nature; or
- In the case where single ingredient agricultural commodities are imported in bulk and where owing to climatic, seasonal or other contingencies more than one country may be the source of the single ingredient agricultural commodity, the wording 'Product of (name(s) of country(ies))' separated by the expression 'and/or', shall be declared on the label of the final pre-packed foodstuff: Provided that the final end product remains a single ingredient agricultural commodity.

Please Note:

The words "Packed in (name of country)" may be used in addition to the requirements of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) above.

This permission is subject to the following conditions:

- All other conditions of the relevant regulations shall be complied with.
- It may be withdrawn at any time should a valid complaint be received.
- All manufacturers, packers, retailers and importers of the animal and processed plant products listed in the Annexure hereto, indemnify this Directorate and this Department from any detrimental effect, financially or otherwise, which may emanate as a result of this permission.

(d) Termination date: When the amendments of the relevant regulations are published in the Government Gazette.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS ACT, 1990 (ACT 119 OF 1990)
Copy: Directorate: Inspection Services

ANNEXURE

Country of origin indication: Animal and Processed Plant Products – Local Regulations

| REGULATION | REGULATION NUMBER | DISPENSATION OF 18 FEBRUARY 2016 APPLICABLE TO: |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Canned Fruit | R.135 of 1802/2005 | Local and Imported products |
| Canned Mushrooms | R.3 of 05/01/2001 Amended by R.414 of 21/05/2010 | Local and Imported products |
| Canned Pasta | R.903 of 15/09/2000 | Local and Imported products |
| Canned Vegetables | R.1532 of 24/10/2003 | Local and Imported products |
| Dairy & Imitation Dairy Products | R.2581 of 20/11/1987 | Applies only to imported products which are to be sold in the retail trade in the containers they are imported in |
| Dehydrated Vegetables | R.396 of 13/03/1970 | Local and Imported products |
| Eggs | R.725 of 16/09/2011 | Imported products only |
| Frozen Fruit & Frozen Vegetables | R.727 of 29/05/1998 | Local and Imported products |
| Honey | R.835 of 25/08/2000 | Local and Imported products |
| Jam, Jelly & Marmalade | R.81 of 08/02/2013 | Local and Imported products |
| Mayonnaise and Salad Dressing | R.636 of 30/06/2000 | Local and Imported products |
| Poultry Meat | R.946 Of 27/03/1992 Amended by R.988 of 25/07/1997 | Imported products only |
| Rooibos | R.322 of 22/03/2002 | Local and Imported products |
| Vinegar | R.1393 of 15/09/1995 | Imported products only |