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STANDARDS REGARDING FOOD HYGIENE AND FOOD SAFETY OF REGULATED AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCTS OF PLANT ORIGIN INTENDED FOR EXPORT (GOVERNEMENT NOTICE NO. 707 OF 13 MAY 2005)

Pursuance to the implementation of the standards regarding food hygiene and food safety of regulated food products of plant origin intended for export, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Directorate Food Safety and Quality Assurance), the Grain Silo, Grain SA and the implementing agency Perishable Product Export Control Board (PPECB) agreed to review (amend) the conditions of the three year food hygiene and food safety audit cycle of all registered [Food Business Operator (FBO)] grain silos.

The three year food hygiene and food safety auditing cycle agreement is subject to the following conditions:

- The agreement shall be applicable and implemented with effect from 02nd January 2013.
- The agreement shall be applicable to all registered Food Business Operator's handling grains and oilseeds destined for export which includes, on-farm storage facilities, off-farm storage facilities (silos), and grain transporters.
- The agreement is applicable to all grains and oilseeds industries excluding groundnuts.
- Sporadic or spot auditing may be carried out in the three year auditing cycle.
- Normal sanction procedures shall be followed by the implementing agency, PPECB, in case the FBO does not comply with the standards regarding food hygiene and food safety.
- The three year food hygiene and food safety audit cycle agreement is subject to a periodic re-evaluation by the Executive Officer: Agricultural Product Standards.

In order to achieve the agreed conditions and avert non-compliances, the following measures are to be adhered to:

- All grain silo FBO Codes list will be removed from the Department's website and made available only to the PPECB officials.

- No hand written documents are to be accepted by the PPECB, an export certificate would be issued only on consignments with printed documentation, which will be sanctioned by the relevant owner of the FBO code (silo).
- Exporters of grains and oilseeds shall source from FBO's registered and complying with the food safety and hygiene standards.
- Exporters of grains and oilseeds shall deliver to the ports by registered transportation facilities complying with the food safety and hygiene standards.
- Exporters of grains and oilseeds shall not procure from the unregistered FBO's and cannot use the port silo FBO codes.
- Only the registered FBO silos at the harbours should be used for export of grains.
- On-farm storage facilities and alternate storage facilities such as silo bags, bunkers and grain dams that handle grains for export shall register for FBO codes with the DAFF.
- Grain transportation such as trucks and rail wagons that handle grains for export shall register for FBO codes with the DAFF.
- All registered grains storage Silos should appoint contact persons who will liaise with the PPECB in order to verify the legitimacy of the FBO code that appears on the delivery note.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS ACT, 1990(ACT 119 OF 1990).

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