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#### Subject

### DISPENSATION: SALE OF THE CLASSES FRUIT JUICE AND FRUIT NECTAR WITH ADDED NUTRIENT SUPPLEMENTS

1. The regulations relating to fruit juice and drink (published by Government Notice No. R. 286 of 7 November 1980, as amended) prescribe that only certain substances may be added to the Sweetened and Unsweetened Fruit Juice and Fruit Nectar classes. Members of the industry approached this office with a request to allow for the addition of added nutrients (to supplement the diet of the consumer) to these classes. As the Department of Health regulates the addition of nutrients to foodstuffs, this office approached them on the matter. Department of Health informed this office that they do not have a problem with the addition of nutrients to these classes (Note: The Fruit Drink and Fruit Flavoured Drink classes do not restrict the addition of substances and may thus contain added nutrients).
2. Permission is thus 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 the fruit juice and drink industry to add any nutrient preparation, intended to supplement the diet by increasing the total dietary intake of such nutrient(s), to the Sweetened and Unsweetened Fruit Juice and Fruit Nectar classes (Note: this permission excludes the Fresh Fruit Juice class)

This permission is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) All other conditions of the relevant regulations shall be complied with.
- (b) It may be withdrawn at any time should a valid complaint be received.
- (c) The addition of the nutrients and labelling thereof must be done according to the relevant legislation as applied by the Department of Health.
- (d) The fruit juice and drink industry indemnifies this Directorate and the Department from any detrimental effect, financially or otherwise, which may emanate as a result of this permission.
- (e) Termination date: When the amendment of the relevant regulations is published in the Government Gazette.

  
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