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TO: ALL IMPORTERS OF VARIOUS ANIMAL AND PROCESSED PLANT PRODUCTS
REGULATED IN TERMS OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS ACT 119
OF 1990

UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF IMPORTED PROCESSED ANIMAL AND PLANT PRODUCTS REGULATED IN TERMS OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS ACT 119 OF 1990

1. On 28 September 2022, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) informed all affected stakeholders that inspectors of the Directorate: Inspection Services will henceforth be responsible for the inspection of the following locally manufactured and imported processed products regulated in terms of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No.119 of 1990) ["APS Act"]:
 - Canned fruit (GN R.135/2005)
 - Canned mushrooms (GN R.3/2001)
 - Canned pasta (GN R.903/2000)
 - Canned vegetables (GN R.1532/2003)
 - Coffee, chicory and related products (GN R.1154/2020)
 - Dairy and imitation dairy products (GN R.1510/2019)
 - Edible ices (GN R.78/2013)
 - Fat spreads (GN R.194/2012)
 - Frozen fruit and frozen vegetables (GN R.727/1998)
 - Fruit juices and fruit drinks (GN R.286/1980)
 - Honey (GN R.835/2000)
 - Jam, jelly and marmalade (GN R.81/2013)
 - Mayonnaise, salad cream and salad dressing (GN R.636/2000)
 - Rooibos (GN R.322/2002)
 - Table olives (GN R.589/2016)
 - Tea and related products (GN R.1153/2020)
 - Vinegar (GN R.1340/2018)
2. However, stakeholders shall take note that the Directorate: Inspection Services is currently in the process to organise and ready themselves to exercise their powers and perform their duties under the APS Act for the inspection of the products listed in paragraph 1 above.
3. All consignments of imported processed products listed above will in the interim be unconditionally released from the ports of entry without being subject to inspection by inspectors of the Directorate inspection Services **until 31 October 2022.**

4. **From 1 November 2022**, importers shall arrange directly with the Directorate: Inspection Services' regional manager responsible for the region/ province concerned (see contact information attached) for the inspection, approval and release of the imported processed products listed above.
5. You are welcome to contact this office should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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