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**ATT: ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN THE POULTRY MEAT AND EGG INDUSTRIES**

**Dear Sir/ Madam,**

## **ENFORCEMENT OF THE POULTRY MEAT AND EGGS REGULATIONS BY THE AGENCY FOR FOOD SAFETY (PTY) LTD.**

1. The Agency for Food Safety (Pty) Ltd. ('AFS') was appointed on 13 January 2017 (Government Gazette Notice 7 of 2017) as assignee to enforce the quality regulations for poultry meat and eggs published in terms of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No.119 of 1990) ('APS Act').

As the designated assignee, AFS is entitled in terms of Section 3A of the APS Act to –

- (a) enter any business producing, processing, packing, storing, importing and selling poultry meat or eggs regulated in terms of regulation R.946 dated 27 March 1992, as amended (poultry meat) or R.725 dated 16 September 2011, as amended (eggs);
- (b) enforce the quality regulations specified in paragraph (a) above;
- (c) request the owner to produce any information or documentation related to the administration of the facility concerned; and
- (d) bill stakeholders for the functions performed.

2. Up till now the enforcement of the regulations for poultry meat and eggs was a shared responsibility between the Department's own inspectors and the AFS. However, AFS has managed to publish its final inspection fees (copy attached) in the Government Gazette on 19 May 2017 which came into effect on 1 June 2017, as well as appoint and train their own inspectors to exercise their mandate.

3. In view of the above developments stakeholders are requested to henceforth direct all enquiries related to the poultry meat and eggs regulations, as well as submit all complaints and packaging for evaluation purposes (if so required) to the AFS inspectors in your province/ region at the contact details provided in the Annexure hereto.

Your co-operation will be appreciated, and any further questions may be taken up directly with the AFS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by a series of loops and a trailing flourish.

**DIRECTOR:**

**DIRECTORATE FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE**

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