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FAX COVER SHEET

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Subject

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

1. Repealing of the previous dispensation

The original dispensation issued on 19 February 2016 with the heading "Dispensation: Country of origin indication on packaging containing animal & processed plant products regulated under the APS Act" is hereby repealed and replaced with the following: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 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:

- (a) "Product of (name of country)" if all the main ingredients, processing and labour used to make the product are from one specific country; or
- (b) "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
- (c) 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:

- (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- (b) It may be withdrawn at any time should a valid complaint be received.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) All manufacturers, packers, retailers and importers of the 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) A phase-out period of 12 months from the date of this dispensation shall be allowed for poultry meat that are subject to the "Regulations regarding control over the sale of poultry meat" (No. R.946 of 27 March 1992, as amended).
- (e) Termination date: When the amendments of the relevant regulations are published in the Government Gazette.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM
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Signature.....

Executive Officer

Agricultural Product Standards Act, 119
(Act No. 119 of 1990)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS

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ANNEXURE

Country of origin indication: Processed Plant Products – Local Regulations

REGULATION	REGULATION NUMBER	DISPENSATION OF 8 SEPTEMBER 2020 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
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
Rooibos	R.322 of 22/03/2002	Local and Imported products