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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS ACT, 1990
(ACT No. 119 OF 1990)

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE GRADING, PACKING AND MARKING OF
CANNED MUSHROOMS INTENDED FOR SALE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
AFRICA: AMENDMENT**

The Minister of Agriculture has, under section 15 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), --

- (a) made the regulations in the Schedule; and
- (b) determine that the said regulations shall come into operation on the date of publication.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Schedule "the regulations", means the regulations published by Government Notice No. R. 3 of 5 January 2001.

Amendment of regulation 1 of the Regulations

2 Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by --

- (a) The insertion after the definition of "blemishes" of the following definitions:

"**button mushrooms**" means whole mushrooms of which the veils are closed and with the stems attached to the pileus"

"**chopped mushrooms**" means mushrooms cut into irregular shaped units".

- (b) The insertion after the definition of "container" the following definition:

"**creamed or savoury mushrooms**" means mushrooms which contains other foodstuffs and food additives to the extent permissible under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act 54 of 1972).

- (c) The insertion after the definition of "defect" the following definition:

"**diced stems**" means stems cut into approximately cube-shaped units.

- (d) The insertion after the definition of "main panel" the following definition:

"**mature mushrooms**" means mushrooms with lamellae that shows.

- (e) The insertion after the definition of "production group" the following definitions:

"sliced mushrooms" means mushrooms cut into slices 2mm to 8mm thick, of which not less 50% are cut parallel to the axis of the mushroom"

"sliced stems" means stems cut into slices 2mm to 8 mm thick".

"pieces and stems" means pieces of caps and stems of irregular sizes and shapes"

- (f) The insertion after the definition of "uniform colour" the following definitions:

"veil" means a membrane connecting the margin of the pileus of a mushroom with the stalk"

"whole mushroom" means whole mushrooms of which the caps are not flat and with the stems attached to the pileus.

Amendment of Table 1 of the Regulations

3. Table 1 of the Regulation is hereby amended by the substitution of "5mm" with "15mm" of subregulation g (i):

ANNEXURE**TABLE 1****QUALITY STANDARDS**
[Regulation 4]

QUALITY FACTOR	FANCY GRADE	CHOICE GRADE	STANDARD GRADE
(g) ~ Maximum length of stems in the case of:			
(i) Buttons	Whole mushrooms with attached stems not exceeding 15 mm in length, measured from the bottom of the veil	Whole mushrooms with attached stems not exceeding 15 mm in length, measured from the bottom of the veil	Whole mushrooms with attached stems not exceeding 15 mm in length, measured from the bottom of the veil