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## TO ALL MANUFACTURERS AND SELLERS OF PROCESSED AND CANNED PRODUCTS

OFFICIAL NOTICE - COMMENCEMENT OF INSPECTION BY THE DESIGNATED ASSIGNEE: IMPUMELELO AGRIBUSINESS SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD

- Impumelelo Agribusiness Solutions (Pty) Ltd (the Assignee) was appointed by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries under section 2(3) of the Agricultural Product Standards Act No. 119 of 1990 (Notice 7 of 2017).
- Accordingly, the Assignee published their final inspections fees on 31 August 2018 (Notice 509 of 2018), and this meant, effectively, that they were legally operational.
- 3. In light of paragraph 1 and 2, it behoved of the Assignee to consolidate their operational and administrative mechanism so that inspection can be commenced with in terms of applying provisions of the Act to which they have been duly designated, to wit, section 3 and 4A.
- 4. In terms of section 3A(1) of the said Act, the Assignee is entitled to enter premises in order to enforce the local/import regulations with respect to the following products:
  - 4.1. Fruit juices and drinks;
  - 4.2. Frozen fruit and vegetables;
  - 4.3. Jam, jelly & marmalade;
  - 4.4. Rooibos;
  - 4.5. Honey;

- 4.6. Table olives:
- 4.7. Fat spreads;
- 4.8. Mayonnaise & salad dressings;
- 4.9. Vinegar; and
- 4.10. Canned processed products (canned pasta, canned mushrooms, canned fruit and canned vegetables).
- 5. Affected stakeholders (all relevant manufactures and sellers of regulated processed and canned products) are hereby notified about the fact that the Assignee has official taken over the inspection mandate in terms of section 2 (3) of the said Act with effect from 01 October 2018.
- 6. The following persons can be contacted or liased with for more information regarding, among others, their inspection schedule and other programmes:

Name	Designation	Contact Details
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7. Stakeholders are further encouraged to contact the Executive Officer:
Agricultural Product Standards in circumstances where they are not satisfied with the inspection services of the Assignee.

Yours sincerely,

ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR: FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

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