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EXPORT CONDITIONS OF CONSIGNMENT OF REGULATED PRODUCTS FROM THE LOCAL/NATIONAL FRESH PRODUCE MARKETS

These conditions of export are applicable to all consignment of regulated agricultural products in terms of the Agricultural Product Standards Act 119 of 1990 (APS Act). The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa guarantees equality before the law. It is therefore imperative that the Perishable Product Export Control Board applies the promulgated norms and standards uniformly and consistently throughout the Republic of South Africa so that everyone enjoys the protection and benefit of the APS Act. Consignments exported from the national/local fresh produce market or any wholesaler shall only be approved for export subject to their compliance with the same legislative regime that applies to export.

Any consignment of regulated agricultural product exceeding 20kg shall be exported under the following conditions:

- (1) The registered Food Business Operator (Exporter) shall present a list of registered Production Unit Codes (PUC) from which products to be exported are sourced.
- (2) These PUC's shall have been audited by the PPECB for compliance against with requirements and compliance criteria as stipulated in the Standards regarding Food Hygiene and Food Safety of Regulated Agricultural Food Products of Plant Origin intended for Export. (Government Notice No. R707 of 13 May 2002). To that effect, a food safety compliance certificate of the PUC whose products are to be exported shall be presented to the PPECB before a consignment can be exported from the Municipal/ Local Fresh Produce Market.

- (3) Analytical Certificate/report on agro-chemicals used from each of the PUC's product shall be presented prior to exporting to the PPECB.
- (4) Reworking or modification of the inherent particulars of the owner of the product or the bought consignment from the Market floor shall not be allowed for export.
- (5) Complete compliance with the applicable export regulations, export Standards and Requirements and the Standards for Food Safety and Food Hygiene (R707 of 13 May 2005) shall be ensured prior to the consignment being exported from the Republic.
- (6) These conditions are not applicable to exports to Southern African Custom Union [(SACU), (Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Namibia)] countries.
- (7) Consignments shall not be made up of products that originate from countries whose intention is to trade in those products in South Africa. In other words forwarding of consignment from other countries purporting to be export from South Africa is prohibited.

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