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Subject

### **GUIDELINE: INDICATION OF THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ON DRY BEANS INTENDED FOR SALE IN RETAIL QUANTITIES**

Regulation 11 (1) (a) (iii) under the marking requirements on the Regulations relating to the Grading, Packing and Marking of Dry beans intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa (No.R. 112 of 14 February 2014) provides as follows:

*"The expression 'Product of' followed by the full name of the country of origin thereof or the country of origin declared as required by the regulations published in terms of Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act 54 of 1972: Provided that this information may be placed in any conspicuous place on the container"*

Notwithstanding the requirements prescribed in terms of the Regulations relating to the Labelling and Advertising of Foodstuffs, Notice R146 of 01 March 2010 as amended by R1091 of 19 November 2010, whenever the country of origin is indicated in any of the below-mentioned combinations, it shall be deemed compliant to Regulation 11 (1) (a) (iii) of the Dry beans Regulations:

- (a) Country A and Country B
- (b) Country A or Country B.
- (c) Country A and/or Country B (this may be extended to include 2 or more countries)
- (d) Country A, B, C... or Z
- (e) Country A or Country B and Country C

NB: The packer shall ensure that there is adequate traceability in place and the country/countries of origin so indicated is/are true reflection of origin of the dry beans concerned.

Should there be a need for further clarity regarding the above, you are welcome to contact this office.

  
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