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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE 2187 OF 2023

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION

LEAF SERVICES

INSPECTION PROCEDURES AND INSPECTION FEES FOR GRAINS AND GRAIN PRODUCTS: INVITATION FOR COMMENTS

Leaf Services(Pty) Ltd (*"the Assignee"*), has been designated as an Assignee in terms of Section 2(3)(a) of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, Act number 119 of 1990, as amended (*"the Act"*) under Notice no 345 of 2016 for the application of sections 3(1) (a) and (b), 3A(1), 4A(1)(a), 7 and 8 of the Act with regard to grains and grain products destined for sale in the local market.

This notice includes hyperlinks to documentation and information available on the Assignee's website. In the event that a link destination is inaccessible, information can be obtained upon request by emailing engagement@leafservices.co.za.

Invitation to comment

In fulfilment of its mandate as an Assignee, the Assignee hereby adheres to the notice and comment procedure outlined in Section 4 of the Promotion of the Administrative Justice Act, Act 3 of 2000 (*"PAJA"*) for the establishment of an inspection methodology.

All affected stakeholders are invited to submit comments on the proposed inspection procedures and inspection fees within **30 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Written comments/representations should be directed via email to engagement@leafservices.co.za

Please be advised that '*affected stakeholders*' encompass all food business operators in the grains and grain products industries who: -

1. engage in the grading of raw grains, as specified in the table below, in accordance with the regulations published under the Agricultural Product Standards Act (*"APS Act"*).
2. undertake the production, packing, processing, or trading of grain products specified in the table below, regulated under the APS Act.

Stakeholder consultation process

Comments received during the designated comment period, as stipulated in this notice, will be thoroughly reviewed. Where feasible, these comments will be duly considered and incorporated, with due regard for the provisions of the Act and the procedures outlined in the regulations.

If modifications are deemed necessary based on the feedback received, the revised inspection methodology and accompanying documentation will be made available on the Assignee's website. An online meeting will then also be conducted with affected parties immediately following publication of the revised methodology. The purpose of this meeting would be to explain the changes made and to outline how affected parties may be materially and adversely affected by the implementation of the revised administrative action.

Should a meeting be held, the details will be published at: <https://leafservices.co.za/engagement/>
Meeting access and details can also be obtained by emailing engagement@leafservices.co.za.

Dependant on whether or not changes are made to the inspection methodology, based on comments received, the Assignee will then be in a position to make an informed assessment as to the next steps to be taken in relation to the PAJ act.

Proposed inspection procedures

Details regarding the Assignee's proposed inspection methodology, the financial model supporting the execution of our mandate, relevant Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), the rubric used to determine allocated risk, a study describing the use of an algorithmically determined risk allocation and inspection frequency can be found at: <https://leafservices.co.za/methodology>.

Inspection fees

The proposed inspection fees (excluding Value Added Tax and analysis fees) are set out in the table below: -

Raw grain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Canola <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Beans <input type="checkbox"/> Ground nuts <input type="checkbox"/> Maize <input type="checkbox"/> Malting barley <input type="checkbox"/> Sorghum <input type="checkbox"/> Soya Beans <input type="checkbox"/> Sunflower seeds <input type="checkbox"/> Wheat (all types) <input type="checkbox"/> Rice 	R43 per inspected ton or part thereof
Production environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maize products <input type="checkbox"/> Wheat products <input type="checkbox"/> Bread 	R645 per hour per batch inspected

The analysis costs, exclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT), are detailed in the table below. The quantity of samples submitted for analysis is contingent upon the number of samples prescribed by the regulations pertinent to the specific product.

	Samples / batch	Cost
Bread analysis		
Dry solids determination of bread	2	R 648 (R324 / sample)
Flour analysis		

Ash	2	R 844 (R 422 / sample)
Grain analysis		
Maize, Sunflower, Soya beans, Sorghum	1	R 523
Wheat Bread, Wheat Durum	1	R 1024
Barley	1	R 829