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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE 2621 OF 2024

LEAF SERVICES

INSPECTION METHODOLOGY FOR INSPECTIONS ON 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,1990(Act119 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 document includes hyperlinks to documentation and information, available on the Leaf Services website. In the event that a link destination is inaccessible, information can be obtained upon request by emailing engagement@leafservices.co.za.

Physical copies of the documentation, related to this Notice, can also be obtained at:

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Invitation to comment

In fulfilment of its mandate as an Assignee, Leaf Services 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 related to inspections in the regulated Grains and Grains products industries.

All affected stakeholders are invited to submit comments on the proposed Inspection Methodology 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 Agricultural Products Standards Act No. 119 of 1990 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 Leaf Services website.

Depending on whether or not changes are made to the inspection methodology, based on comments received, Leaf Services 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.

Inspection Methodology

Details regarding the Inspection Methodology and the financial model supporting the execution of our mandate as well as Inspection Checklists and other supporting documents, 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 (bread, durum, soft) 	<p>R38.06 per inspected ton (or part thereof) up to a maximum of 39 tons.</p>
Production environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rice <input type="checkbox"/> Pulses <input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Beans <input type="checkbox"/> Maize products <input type="checkbox"/> Wheat products <input type="checkbox"/> Bread 	<p>Industrial facility: R571 per container sampled</p> <p>In-store bakery: R286 per batch sampled</p>

The analysis costs (excluding Value Added Tax) are shown in the table below. The number of samples taken per product sampled is determined by the number of samples to be taken as defined in regulation for that specific product.

Commodity	Type of Analysis	Price per sample (Ex VAT)
Maize	Full Maize Grading - RSA	R545
Maize Products (Maize meal)	Fat Crude (Petroleum Ether Extraction) (Soxhlet)	R831
Maize Products (Maize meal)	Moisture, % (1 hour oven, 130 °C)	R273
Maize Products (Maize meal)	Crude Fibre (Acid-base digestion - 3 days)	R659
Maize Products (Maize meal)	Granulation/Particle Size - Maize products	R284
Sorghum	Sorghum Grading	R542
Soybean	Soybean Grading	R542
Sunflower	Sunflower Grading	R542
Wheat	Full Wheat Grading without cultivar identification	R1 073
Wheat Products (Bread)	Dry Solids Determination of Bread	R449
Wheat Products (Flour)	Ash	R440
Wheat Products (Flour)	Bran Content - Brown Bread Flour	R309
Wheat Products (Flour)	Granulation/Particle Size - Wheat Flour	R284