



Milk SA Regulations and Standards Project

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Dairy Standard Agency

Year 2021/2021 (January 2021 till December 2021)

Project goals

Goal 1 - Communication on information regarding regulations and standards to Milk SA, SAMPRO and MPO on an ongoing basis

Achievements

The project management of the Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA regularly consulted with the organised dairy industry with specific reference to:

- Information relating to matters pertaining to the DALRRD assignee, acts, amendment bills, regulations, voluntary standards as well as amendments received by the Regulations and Standards Project. Information relevant organised dairy industry were circulated via Milk SA and Sampro and MPO either for comments and or information.

- Joint interactions relating to IDF matters as well as with the CGCSA continued regarding Front of pack labelling to ensure comprehensive reports based on science to the Department of Health. These reports are critical to ensure dairy products are specifically protected from possible harmful warning signs regarding fats and sugars on front of pack labelling regulations, to the detriment of the industry and the consumer.

The collaboration between the members of the Milk SA Coordinating Committee namely Sampro, Milk SA Research and Development, Milk SA Consumer Education Project, Dairy Standard Agency and MPO was continuous, to discuss industry matters of collective nature.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 2 - Interaction with the Milk SA Consumer Education Project regarding regulations and standards on an ongoing basis as well as joint meetings with industry stakeholders with the purpose of harmonizing activities

Achievements

Effective communication with the Milk SA Consumer Education Project continued in respect of Front of Pack Labeling, nutrition, General Standards for the Use of Dairy Terms, and related matters. Cross consultation with the Consumer Education Project ensured effective participation in stakeholder meetings relating to nutrition and health, food safety and product compositional matters. Continues collaboration contributed remarkably to improvement of communication to the dairy industry and other stakeholders.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - Regular interaction and scheduled meetings with the management of the Coordinating Committee on matters of collective interest

Achievements

The collaboration between the members of the Milk SA Coordinating Committee namely Sampro, Milk SA Research and Development, Milk SA Consumer Education Project, Dairy Standard Agency and MPO was continuous, to discuss industry matters of collective nature. The benefit of the Coordinating Committee is the amount of project interaction that ensures cross flow of knowledge and information enriching the quality project work outcomes. The quarterly meetings of the Coordinating Committee were attended with the final meeting of 2021 on 23 November 2021.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 4 - Liaison with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development - Food Safety & Quality Assurance and Industry Members regarding: - Progress regarding the APS Amendment Bill - Matters relating to the implementation of R1510/2019 - Appointment of assignee i.t.o the APS Act - PPECB related matters pertaining to amendment of the current (outdated) SOP for inspection of dairy products intended for export in terms of the APS Act into an updated export friendly SOP

Achievements

Since mid-June 2021 the DALRRD assignee endeavored through the DALRRD Executive Officer's (EO) office to arrange meetings with industry, with the aim at publication of fees. The management committee of the Regulations and Standards Project of MILK SA regularly consulted with the Milk SA attorney, following procedures to force the department and

assignee to give adherence to the rulings of the High Court case of 22 February 2021. As a result, several engagements took place between the Milk SA representatives, the assignee and the Executive Officer. The assignee with the assistance of the Department subsequently directed their attempts toward challenging the application of Sampro/MPO for the continuation of statutory levies under the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (MAP Act) by submission of comments. The outcome of subsequent meetings in this regard resulted to an agreement of a press release to industry and stakeholders, explaining what the role of Dairy Standard Agency is under the Map Act and the functions of the assignee under the Agricultural Product Standards Act (Attached). The final outcome is that the Minister has approved the application of Sampro/MPO for the levy funding under the MAP Act. During beginning December, the assignee again approached the industry to meet at short notice which was considered inconceivable, and all matters were postponed to the first quarter of 2022. It has to be noted that the organised dairy industry is committed the process of law enforcement as provided for under the Agricultural Product Standards Act and to this effect the Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA will continue strive towards a fair and sustainable outcome.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 5 - Interaction with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Directorate Animal Health and Industry Members regarding the amendment and update of the current DALRRD Veterinary Procedural Notice (VPN) 20: Facilitating processes to ensure consistent implementation of revised / amended VPN

Achievements

Through both the Dairy Standard Agency related project and the Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA regular consultations have taken place with DALRRD regarding revision and interpretation of regulations. The review of the VPN 20 was initiated during the final quarter of 2021 to ensure that the updated Code of Practice for Milk Producers (COP) are well aligned in support of promoting compliance with regulation, also to support the export certification. The revised VPN after consultation is to be submitted to the DALRRD during the first quarter of 2022 on the back of the publication of the said COP.

The Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA continued to liaise with industry through the established Milk SA Technical Workgroup (TWG) regarding R1510 of 2019. Following a scheduled meeting held on 28 September 2021, the TWG completed a draft which was circulated to the TWG members for further comments. As planned all final comments on the draft received during the first quarter of 2022 will be included in a final draft which is to be prepared for circulation to the organised dairy industry for comments.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 6 - Liaison with Department of Health and industry members regarding amendment or regulations i.t.o the Food-stuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act. Facilitating of processes to ensure correct procedures regarding certification of milking sheds criteria

Achievements

The Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA Technical Workgroup has completed the work on the micro criteria required for the revision of R1555 of 1997. What is outstanding is the compilation of criteria for composite dairy products of which the work is scheduled for the first quarter of 2022 following which restricting requirements will be revised and completed. It is envisaged that the final draft will be circulated by the end of the second quarter of 2022.

Certification of milking sheds under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act remained problematic as several local health authorities continued to incorrectly quote the wrong regulations and or unlawfully requested payment for services rendered under the same Act. Communication with the authorities is ongoing as to facilitate the correct processes.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 7 - Liaison with the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications regarding compulsory specifications and review of metrology standards (weights and measures) in terms of the relevant South African National Standards

Achievements

The majority of interaction with NRCS during 2021 related to the revision of compulsory standards of which the work was facilitated through the SABS technical committees.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 8 - Liaison with SABS regarding voluntary national and international standards (ISO) relating to food hygiene and food safety, analytical methods, animal welfare and metrology

Achievements

The Project Manager attended the relevant meetings of the SABS and fulfilled the role as SABS representative at the African Standards

Organisation on the Standing Committee for Milk and Dairy products. The work in the final quarter was extensive with the establishment of 3 working groups and representation on all working groups, working towards harmonisation of standard on the African continent. The current ARSO secretariat aim is to compile 75 African Standards for milk and other dairy products under the ARSO TC 04 within a four year period. As permanent member of the SABS Technical Committees 17 and 34 the participation of the project manager continued regarding voluntary and international standards relating to metrology (SANS 458 and 289), draft SANS 10156 (chilled foods), chairman of the technical committee 34/05 (milk and milk products) which included ballot voting on adoption of ISO standards.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 9 - Liaison with the Consumer Goods Council of SA, other consumer bodies and retailers regarding industry related standards and requirements and other matters of collective nature

Achievements

Dairy Standard Agency as member of the Consumer Goods Council: Food Safety Initiative (CGCSA:FSI) regularly communicated and attended electronic meetings regarding regulatory matters in terms of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, the Foodstuffs Cosmetics Act (food labelling relating to front of pack labelling) as well as DALRRD assignee matters, Codex standards, draft regulations and the APS Amendment Bill. The cooperation and collaboration between the CGCSA:FSI, the Consumer Education Project of Milk SA and the Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA have expanded significantly during 2021 in the interest of dairy consumerism as well as the organised dairy industry.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 10 - Communication to industry regarding latest relevant Bulletins of the International Dairy Federation (IDF); and commenting on work of the IDF Standing Committees where relevant

Achievements

All IDF documents relating to the disciplines of standards on identity and labelling as well as animal welfare and hygiene as applicable to the mandate of the Dairy Standard Agency and the Regulations and Standards Project were reviewed and communicated where applicable to the organised dairy industry. Requests from IDF for comments on Codex related matters e.g., General Standards for Food Additives, Front of Pack Labelling were attended and where applicable shared with the Codex Contact Point is South Africa (DOH).

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 11 - Requesting comments and notification of industry members of latest Codex standards relating to the dairy industry

Achievements

The Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA is linked to the International Dairy Federation (IDF) via the SANCIDF and Dairy Standard Agency MD represented on standing committees of IDF. Requests from IDF for comments on Codex related matters e.g. General Standards for Food Additives, Front of Pack Labelling, Fats and Oils and Hygiene were received and attended to and where applicable shared with the Codex Contact Point is South Africa (DOH) during 2021. Codex feedback meetings from DOH were attended in respect of matters affecting SA legislation and shared were relevant with industry members.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	PRJ-0282.pdf
Unnecessary spending during period	No

Popular Report

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Additional documentation

No file has been uploaded

Statement

Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract	Yes
Levy funds were applied in an appropriate and accountable manner	Yes
Sufficient management and internal control systems were in place to adequately control the project and accurately account for the project expenditure	Yes
The information provided in the report is correct	Yes