



Milk SA Regulations and Standards Project

(PRJ-0282-2021)

Dairy Standard Agency

Quarter 3 2021/2021 (July 2021 till September 2021)

Project goals

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

Achievements

All information e.g acts, amendmend bills, regulations as well as amendments received by the Regulations and Standards Project and relevant to the dairy industry were circulated via Milk SA and Sampro and MPO to the organised dairy industry either for comments or information.

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. Joint interaction on IDF matters as well with the CGCSA took place.

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

Effective collaboration between the Regulations and Standards Project and other Milk SA projects via the Milk SA Coordinating Committee continued. A scheduled meeting took place on 27 August 2021 reflecting on matters of common interest between the Milk SA projects Dairy Standard Agency and the Regulations and Standards Project, Research and Development

Project and Consumer Education Project. Agenda items included DSA participation in the African Standards Organisation, Front of Pack Labelling and draft labelling regulations, Milk SA/DSA Animal Welfare Project; SANS 1694, labelling of plant butter products, carbon footprint research, dairy compositional and food safety standards.

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R1510/2019 - Appointment of assignee i.t.o the APS Act - PPECB related matters pertaining to amendment of the current (outdated) SOP for inspection of dairy products intended for export in terms of the APS Act into an updated export friendly SOP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

1. The appointment of the DALRRD assignee and other applicable regulatory matters

Following the High Court hearing that took place on 26 January 2021, the following actions took place:

The first industry meeting with the DALRRD and the assignee following the High Court ruling took place on 30 June 2021 following several letters from legal team of Milk SA and Woodlands during April, May, and June 2021. Due to the poor response from the Executive Officer (EO) and assignee on relevant questions posed by the Milk SA representatives it was decided that Milk SA approach the EO and assignee first with scheduled meetings to resolve matters pertaining to a preliminary report and questions on outstanding matters before the next industry meeting is scheduled.

- The Manager of the Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA requested that a follow up meeting take place between the Executive Officer to discuss the continuous failure of the Executive Officer, Nejahmogul as well as Business Rescue Practitioner to respond to the pertinent outstanding questions asked prior to any further industry meetings during July 2021. Two meetings took place during July and August 2021 with limited progress regarding outstanding questions of Milk SA which reflected on the unwillingness to fully engage. Until the time of this report no feedback has been received by the BRP.

Subsequently it has come to the attention of Milk SA that the DALRRD and assignee opted to comment on the Milk SA Request for the continuation of statutory measures relating to levies, registration and records and returns in the dairy industry in terms of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, via the NAMC. Comments related to incorrect information by DALRRD and the assignee regarding the role and functions of the Dairy Standard Agency (DSA) and claims that DSA is duplicating the work of the assignee.

Suggestions were also made in the letter of the assignee to tap into the levy funding for itself as profit making company to render services under the Agricultural Product Standards Act.

Meetings between the NAMC, Milk SA, Sampro, MPO, DALRRD and the assignee were scheduled during October 2021 to address the comments.

2. Revision of Regulations relating to Dairy and Imitation Dairy Products, R1510 of November 2019 under the Agricultural Product Standards Act

Since circulation of collated comments following the first industry electronic workgroup (during the second quarter) working on the use of dairy terms and class designations of imitation dairy products (plant-based beverages) the next meeting took place on 28 September 2021. TWG discussions on 28 September 2021 to consider the proposed amendments to R1510 and additional matters related to

- Modified & Imitation product, naming and definition;
- Dairy terms and the use thereof;
- The product classes: Dairy dessert & Custard
- Unspecified Cheese Table 10 alignment to Codex; and
- The naming & compositional standards of plant-based products.

TWG member comments are expected by 5 November following which additional matters will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for finalisation of the first draft regulation for comments by the industry.

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

Interaction between the project management and the State Veterinarians office took place regarding the update of the dairy industry's export guidelines based on health and agricultural legislation including the VPN 20.

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 second meeting by the TWG took place on 16 August 2021 during which the Microbiological Criteria for Revision of R1555 were revisited. A report was compiled by Prof Anelich containing a set of Tables listed by commodity which depict microbiological criteria (MC) that were agreed upon in the meeting held on 16 August 2021, with relevant stakeholders, for the revision of R1555. This follows proposed MC that were shared with industry after country comparisons were presented at a meeting held on 24 June 2021. Countries/regions compared with South Africa were Canada, Australia & New Zealand and the European Union. The next meeting is scheduled to take place during the fourth quarter.

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 project manager participated in the scheduled meetings of the SABS TC 70, managed by the NRCS. No amendments relevant to the dairy industry were discussed.

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

No meetings took place during the third quarter other than voting ballots (adoption of standards) on ISO 22000/03 relating to food safety requirements during feed manufacturing.

The practical implementation of requirements of the implementation of the SA National Standard SANS 1694: The welfare of dairy cattle.

A final meeting took place in September 2021 in preparation of the planned work starting from 4 to 13 October 2021. 10 Farms were identified for the purpose of validating the DSA audit criteria: The welfare of dairy cattle, in collaboration with the Milk SA Research and Development Project.

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

Continuous interaction took place between CGCSA:FSI and Milk SA Regulations and Standards project regarding proposal on FOPNL, Food Waste policies and related food safety matters. DSA also participates as member of the CGCSA Compliance Committee during which relevant legislation is discussed. Where applicable, information is shared with 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

Comments by project management were rendered on Codex matters relating to food additives (CCFA), fats and oils (CCFO) and General Standards for the use dairy terms to the SA Codex Contact point and IDF.

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

Comments by project management were rendered on Codex matters relating to food additives (CCFA), fats and oils (CCFO) and General Standards for the use dairy terms to the SA Codex Contact point and IDF.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

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| Income and expenditure statement | CORFIN173 - PRJ0282.pdf |
| Unnecessary spending during period | No |

Popular Report

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Additional documentation

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Statement

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| 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 |