



Milk SA Regulations and Standards Project

(PRJ-0282-2021)

Dairy Standard Agency

Quarter 4 2021/2021 (October 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

All information relating to matters pertaining the assignee, 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 and 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 continued to ensure comprehensive reports based on science to the Department of Health. These reports are critical to ensure dairy products are specifically protected from harmful warning signs regarding fats and sugars on front of pack labelling regulations, to the detriment of the industry and the consumer.

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 final meeting of 2021 was held 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R1510/2019 - Appointment of assignee i.t.o the APS Act - PPECB related matters pertaining to amendment of the current (outdated) SOP for inspection of dairy products intended for export in terms of the APS Act into an updated export friendly SOP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

1. Matters relating to R1510 of November 2019

The Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA continued to liaise with industry through the established Technical Workgroup (TWG) meeting. 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 is to be received during the first quarter of 2022 after which a final draft is to be prepared for circulation to the organised dairy industry for comments.

2. Matters relating to the Assignee

Since mid June 2021 the Assignee endeavoured 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 EO. The assignee with the assistance of the Department subsequently put their attempts towards challenging the application of Sampro/MPO for the continuation of statutory levies under the 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 APS Act. The ultimate is that the Minister has approved the application of Sampro/MPO. 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.

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

The review of the VPN 20 was initiated during the final quarter to ensure that the Code of Practice for Milk Producers (COP) are well aligned in support of 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.

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.

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 of the Regulations and Standards Project attended the scheduled meetings of the SABS/NRCS during the final quarter. No significant decisions were taken that could impact the dairy industry.

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 in particular 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 standards on the African continent.

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

Where possible the project manager liaised with CGCSA and associations such as SA Fruit Juice Association on matters relating to the Agricultural Product Standards Act and the impact of the appointed assignees on the various industries.

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 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 in 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

Requests from IDF for comments on Codex related matters e.g. General Standards for Food Additives, Front of Pack Labelling were attended to and where applicable shared with the Codex Contact Point in South Africa (DOH).

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

[R&S Project report Oct to Dec 2021.pdf](#)

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