



## **Milk SA - Dairy Regulations & Standards 2022**

(PRJ-0316-2022)

### **Dairy Standard Agency**

**Quarter 1 2022/2022** (January 2022 till March 2022)

#### **Project goals**

**Goal 1 - Deliberation of industry regulations relating to food safety, product composition, metrological and related standards as well as voluntary industry related standards e.g. animal welfare and related matters**

##### ***Achievements***

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

DSA interacted on a regular basis with the project managers of the Milk SA's Consumer Education Project, SAMPRO, MPO as well as the Project Coordinating Committee of Milk SA (DSA, CEP and R&D project of Milk SA) of which the first meeting took place on 17 March 2022. The Dairy R&D Committee (DRDC) and management committee meeting were attended, and subsequent contributions were made towards regulatory matters regarding sustainability with specific reference environmental management and animal welfare. Joint interaction on IDF matters as well as with the CGCSA continued to ensure comprehensive reports, based on science to the Department of Health regarding front of pack labelling.

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 2 - Liaison with industry and statutory bodies in terms of draft, promulgated and repealed legislation and effective communication through the Milk SA organisational structures**

##### ***Achievements***

**Matters relating to R1510 of November 2019 under the Agricultural Product Standards Act**

The Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA continued to liaise with industry through the established Technical Workgroup (TWG) meeting. The first meeting was held on 11 March and the TWG members meeting is planned for the second quarter after the draft has been circulated to industry end April for comments before submission to DALRRD.

In respect of misleading labelling of imitation and non-based dairy products industry has been informed that non-conformances are communicated to the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD): Directorate Food Safety and Quality Assurance.

The inability of DALRRD to deal with assignee related matters in an effective manner is undermining proper law enforcement. To deal with this matter, the Dairy Standard Agency (DSA), as member of the Consumer Goods Council of South Africa: Food Safety Initiative and SAMPRO, formally supported a formal letter to the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, to take appropriate measures against the dysfunctional situation of the assignees and in particular Nejahmogul Technologies and Agric Services.

#### **Matters relating to R1555 of November 1997 under the Foodstuffs Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act.**

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.

#### **Matters relating to the assignee**

The management committee of the Regulations and Standards Project of MILK SA regularly consulted with the Milk SA attorney, regarding the current state of affairs of the assignee being in business rescue, the change of business rescue practitioner during 2021 without notification to Milk SA as affected party and the order to pay legal costs as per the ruling of the Judge Swanepoel during the High Court case of 22 February 2021.

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The review of the VPN 20 was finalized during 2021 and submitted to DALRRD: Veterinary Services for comment. No feedback has been received from the department and is to be followed up during the second quarter of 2022.

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 first quarter continued with the identification of 75 standards, which are to be attended to by 3 working groups.

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 is South Africa (DOH). The DSA managing director has been nominated as the Technical Secretariat/Convener of SACIDF as replacement of Dr Jan Floor who has retired.

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### ***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 3 - Liaison and consultation on an internal and external basis and comment within specified time frames via Milk SA organisational structures**

## **Achievements**

Internal and external liason and consultation were sucessfully executed in respect the Dairy Standard Agency, Milk SA Coordinating Committee, members of Milk SA (MPO and SAMPRO), related projects of Milk SA as well as regulatory bodies and consumer bodies (CGCSA and Sancu). The Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA was scheduled for 5 April 2022.

## ***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

### **Goal 4 - Report to industry via Milk SA structures**

#### **Achievements**

All relevant matters handled by the Regulations and Standards Project were effectively communicated via Milk Sa structures as well as Sampro. The matters that required further attention were addressed via the Regulations and Standards Project management committee.

## ***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

## **Income and expenditure statement**

Income and expenditure statement	<a href="#">PRJ-0316 Mar 2022.pdf</a>
Unnecessary spending during period	No

## **Popular Report**

[R&S Popular report Jan to March 2022.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