



Milk SA - Dairy Regulations & Standards 2024

(PRJ-0365-2024)

Dairy Standard Agency

Quarter 1 2024/2024 (January 2024 till March 2024)

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

1. Department of Health

- 1.1 Draft Regulations relating to the labelling and advertising of foodstuffs
- 1.2 Review of R1555 of 1997: Regulations relating to milk and milk products
- 1.3 Clarity on the use of the Lactose Peroxidase System (LPS) under controlled conditions

2. Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development

- 2.1 Review of R1510 of 2019: Regulations relating to dairy and imitation dairy products
- 2.2 Matters relating the Border Management Authority (BMA) Act, 2020
- 2.3 Directorate Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA): rBST claims
- 2.4 Directorate Veterinary Public Health (VPH): Veterinary Procedural Notices and Import/Export policy
- 2.5 Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill.
- 2.6 Agricultural Product Standards Act: Export regulations

All matters were followed up and communicated to industry members. Please see attached report

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Goal 2 - Liaison with industry and statutory bodies in terms of draft, promulgated and repealed legislation and effective communication through the Milk SA organisational structures.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

1. Consumer Goods Council of South Africa (CGCSA):

The Dairy Standard Agency as member of the Consumer Goods Council of South Africa (CGCSA)

attended several meetings to discuss food safety, product composition as well as industry related matters. DSA on behalf of Milk SA assisted in formulating a letter to the minister regarding the current position of appointed assignees in terms of the APS Act. A scheduled meeting between delegates of the DALRRD and industry members took place in March 2024.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - Liaison with international bodies e.g., African Organisation for Standardisation, Codex Alimentarius and International Dairy Federation.

Achievements

African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO)

The work relating to ARSO is outsourced to Ms Anneke van Niekerk under the supervision of the project manager.

The committee draft (CD) for national consultation regarding the following drafts was held. The Report of the standards Harmonization for Milk and Milk Products to Facilitate Intra-African Trade under the AfCFTA was also shared with members in February and March 2024. Specifications that received attention included:

- CD ARS 1072-2023: Blend of skimmed milk and vegetable fat in powdered form - Specification
- CD ARS 1073-2023: Cheese - Specification
- CD ARS 1076-2023: Extra hard grating cheeses - Specification
- CD ARS 1078-2023: Group standard for un-ripened cheese including fresh cheese - Specification
- CD ARS 1079-2023: Cheese in brine - Specification
- CD ARS 1080-2023: Processed cheese - Specification
- CD ARS 1075-2023: Evaporated milks - Specification
- CD ARS 1096-2023: Milk powders and cream powder - Specification

Specific efforts are made to align ARSO standards and specifications with Codex where possible.

2. International Standards Organisation (ISO)

To allow for full participation, the SABS was approached to request ISO permission for the full participation in the balloting processes with specific reference to ISO/TC 034/SC 5 - Milk and milk products and ISO/TC 034/SC 17 – Management system for food safety. Response is still awaited. In the interim, the project manager participated via the relevant International Dairy Federation technical standing committees.

3. SABS

Dr Mark Chimes as the project manager of the Milk SA Sustainability Project: Animal Health and Welfare has joined the working groups on “The welfare of dairy cattle and transportation of livestock”. The work on SANS 1694 and 1488 relating to the welfare of dairy cattle and the transport of livestock continued to priority attention in the preparation of comments to SABS.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 4 - Liaison and consultation on an internal and external basis and comment within specified time frames via Milk SA organisational structures.

Achievements

Effective consultation between Melik SA structures and industry members took place during the first quarter of 2024. Time frames of work activities were reached and communicated via the Milk SA Project Coordinating Committee, as well as industry members and related industry bodies such as CGCSA and Livestock Welfare Coordinating Committee.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 5 - Report to industry via Milk SA structures.

Achievements

Project management effectively reported to industry by making use of the Milk Sa communication strategy as well as Sampro and MPO where applicable. Please see attached report.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 6 - Liaison with government, departments regarding legislation and policies within the scope of the project, that may affect the Milk SA strategic goals.

Achievements

Sound relationships between the project management and government departments resulted in regular communication on regulatory and policy matters. During the first quarter scheduled meetings on draft regulations, policies and protocols served as platforms to allow for closer collaboration on amongst other review of regulations, veterinary procedural notices, chemical residue control and export matters.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	CORFIN151 - PRJ0365 - March 2024.pdf CORFIN173 - PRJ0365 - March 2024.pdf
Unnecessary spending during period	No

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Additional documentation

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