



Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA

(PRJ-0407-2025)

Dairy Standard Agency

Quarter 1 2025 (January 2025 till March 2025)

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 – FOODSTUFFS, COSMETICS AND DISINFECTANTS ACT1

1.1 Draft regulations relating to the labelling and advertising of foodstuffs

Information regarding the review process from the Department of Health: Directorate Food Control is that the publication of R3337, Regulations relating to the labelling and advertising of foodstuffs of 21 July 2023, was limited during the first quarter of 2025 with no specific details regarding possible dates for the publication of an updated draft.

1.2 Review of R1555 of 1997: Regulations relating to milk and milk products

The work of this project has been completed during the first quarter and the advisory committee was informed accordingly with updated specifications incorporated into the draft proposal.

2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DALRRD) - AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS STANDARD ACT

2.1 Review of R1510 of 2019: Regulations relating to dairy and imitation dairy products

Feedback from the DALRRD indicated that the industry comments collated are still under review until further notice. The categorisation of dairy in the draft between “real dairy”, imitation or modified dairy and dairy alternatives brought along several technical challenges, especially with attempts to align the said proposed draft with the Codex general standards for the use of dairy terms. The work continued during the first quarter of 2025.

2.2 Matters relating to the Border Management Authority (BMA) Act, 2020

No significant occurrences were reported regarding the dairy industry that required actions from the Milk SA Regulation and Standards Project.

3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DALRRD): DIRECTORATE FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE (FSQA) AND VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

3.1 Directorate Animal Health/Veterinary Public Health (VPH)

The establishment of a chemical residue monitoring programme for export to the European Union and China is still under review in conjunction with DALRRD. The dairy and red meat industries were prompted to collaborate in compiling a sampling control plan, as both are dealing with bovine species. Information was obtained from the organised dairy industry in terms of all dairy facilities who is still interested to export to China and all data was forwarded to the State Veterinarian Import/Export Policy Unit Directorate: Animal Health and other officials are still working on the completion of the finalisation of comments on the proposed protocols.

4. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS (APS) AMENDMENT ACT

Since the publication of the act, limited activity was noted by DALRRD regarding the enforcement of the act and publication of the draft regulation regarding agricultural products. Inputs, however, were provided on the draft management control system. The project manager participated in Several industry meetings via the Consumer Goods Council of South Africa (CGCSA). The final stage has been reached for the publication of the regulation in the Government Gazette.

5. CONSUMER GOODS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (CGCSA):

The Dairy Standard Agency (DSA) as a member of the Consumer Goods Council of South Africa (CGCSA) attended several meetings to assist in formulating industry views on:

- Food loss and waste
- Sustainability

SOUTH AFRICAN BUREAU OF STANDARDS (SABS)

Dr Mark Chimes as the project manager of the Milk SA Sustainability Project: Animal Health and Welfare has joined the working group 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 liaise with the Livestock Welfare Coordinating Committee as well as with the SABS Standards Writer: Natural Sciences.

In respect of SABS/TC 0034/SC 05 – documents made available for balloting were voted upon.

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 the following were communicated to the industry via the Milk SA structures

- a. Draft regulations relating to the labelling and advertising of foodstuffs
- b. Review of R1555 of 1997: Regulations relating to milk and milk products

- c. Review of R1510 of 2019: Regulations relating to dairy and imitation dairy products
- d. Matters relating the Border Management Authority (BMA) Act, 2020
- e. Veterinary Public Health (VPH) VPN 20 and chemical residue monitoring
- f. Agricultural Product Amendment Act
- g. CGCSA and the food loss and sustainability initiatives
- h. African Organisation for Standardisation and International Organisation for Standardisation standards

African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO)

The work of ARSO TC34/04 is progressing and entering into the final stage of completion of actions. Meetings for purposes of generating national comments and positions were conducted in the last quarter. Mrs Anneke van Niekerk on behalf of Milk SA has been contracted on behalf of Mr Burger to participate in the ARSO activities and was steering the activities of WG1 on behalf of SABS and the dairy industry.

6.2 International Standards Organisation (ISO)

Six systematic review documents were prepared for voting in November 2024

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INTERNATIONAL DAIRY FEDERATION (IDF) AND CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

The IDF World Dairy Summit in France took place in the fourth quarter and was well attended by South African delegates. During the business meetings the action teams continued work on current standards, as well new work programmes for 2025. Work continued on topics such as:

Where applicable, reports were submitted on behalf of the South African National Committee of the IDF to the IDF as well as the South African Codex Contact point.

As per the Milk SA contractual agreement all relevant correspondence and comments, where applicable, were shared with Milk SA and industry stakeholders as well as reporting to the South African National Committee of the IDF.

The Milk SA Regulations and Standards meeting took place on 8 August 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

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Sciences. It is expected that the SABS workgroup will meet during the second quarter of 2025.

In respect of SABS/TC 0034/SC 05 – documents made available for balloting were voted upon. The SABS/TC 0034/SC 05 annual meeting is scheduled for May 2025.

2. African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO)

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3. INTERNATIONAL DAIRY FEDERATION (IDF) AND CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

Advisory Committee and action teams continued work on current standards, as well new work programmes for 2025 were attended where possible.

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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

Liaison continued during the first quarter of 2025 with all relevant stakeholders as well as interaction with roleplayers which were communicated via the Milk SA organisational structures.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 5 - Report to industry via Milk SA structures

Achievements

Regular reporting via Milk SA structures continued during to ensure appropriate action by industry members. These actions also included sharing of relevant matters at the Milk SA Coordinating Committee allowing for other Milk SA projects interaction and engagement.

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 with the respective parastatals are paramount to ensure contribution to the overarching, strategic goals of Milk SA and to mitigate possible risks to the project. The level of commitment by the project team

ensured ongoing recognition from government structures as well as industry associations outside the Milk SA organisational structure, allowing for value addition to the Milk SA strategic goals in a direct and indirect way as well as the respective government bodies.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	March 2025 - CORFIN151 - PRJ0407.pdf March 2025 - CORFIN173 - PRJ0407.pdf
Unnecessary spending during period	No

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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