



Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA

(PRJ-0407-2025)

Dairy Standard Agency

Quarter 2 2025 (April 2025 till June 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 ACT – DIRECTORATE: FOOD CONTROL

1.1 Draft regulations relating to the labelling and advertising of foodstuffs (R.3337 dated 21 July 2023)

The collation of comments received on this draft together with the incorporation of some of the comments received is still ongoing and no further correspondence was received during the second quarter.

1.2 Review of the “Regulations relating to milk and milk products” (R.1555 of 1997)

The work on this review is ongoing. The research (Milk SA funded) done by the Dairy Standard Agency (DSA) staff member on risk assessment to determine the significance of E. coli and coliforms as indicator organisms of hygiene and food safety in milk in South Africa with the intention of updating specifications as set out in Regulation 1555/1997 has been completed and a formal report was submitted to the DRDC project manager. The review of the current standards for milk somatic cell counts as well as analytical methods are also assessed and aligned with scientific evidence. The work on the proposed draft will conclude in the third quarter of 2025.

2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS STANDARD ACT

2.1 Agricultural Product Standards (APS) Amendment Act

The Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Act, 2023, was published on 3 April 2024 and comes into operation on a date fixed by the President by proclamation in the Gazette. Only then can the publication of the new Management Control System Regulation be anticipated.

2.2 Directorate: Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA)

The review of “Regulations relating to dairy and imitation dairy products” (R1510 of 2019). The Directorate: FSQA of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) indicated that the industry comments have been collated and some of the comments received have been incorporated in the second draft amendment Dairy and Imitation Dairy regulation. Further indicated was that a submission is on route to the Minister for his approval of the publication of a Notice to request further comments on the second draft amendment Dairy and Imitation Dairy regulation. No further correspondence was received during

the second quarter.

2.3 Directorate: Animal Health

Chemical residue monitoring programme for export to the European Union and China

The establishment of a chemical residue monitoring programme for export to the European Union and China is still under review by the Department of Agriculture (DOA). The dairy and red meat industry 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 to assist with the work and to compile a risk analysis on the combined list of active substances (beef and dairy cattle). Submissions regarding requirements of the GACC were made by the DSA to the State Veterinarian Import/Export Policy Unit of the Directorate: Animal Health is still working on the completion of the finalisation of comments on the proposed protocols. The protocol for the chemical residue monitoring programme was presented during the Advisory Committee: Economies and Markets meeting.

Veterinary Procedural Notice 20 (VPN 20)

The VPN 20 related to the standards for the registration of a veterinary approved dairy facility for export was completed and circulated to stakeholders in the dairy industry, specifically export companies.

Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) Outbreak

DSA collaborated with Drs Mark Chimes and Anthony Davis as well as other role players by attending the FMD Technical and Trade meetings to assist in finding solutions for management control in the KZN FMD area.

3. SOUTH AFRICAN BUREAU OF STANDARDS (SABS)

Mrs. Anneke van Niekerk, on behalf of Milk SA, contracted on behalf of the project manager to participate in the SABS activities was nominated as the new Chairperson of TC 034/SC05 for the next 3 years during the meeting held on 20 May 2025. Mrs Van Niekerk is replacing Mr. Burger, the previous chairman of the committee. The following was highlighted during the meeting:
Standards published since the last meeting:

SANS 8196-3 Milk - Determination and evaluation of the overall accuracy of alternative methods of milk analysis - Part 3: Protocol for the evaluation of alternative quantitative methods of milk analysis

SANS 19662 Milk — Determination of fat content — Acido-butyrometric (Gerber method)

The technical committee agreed to reaffirm the following standards for an additional period of 5 years:

SANS 1679 Pasteurized milk

SANS 479 Milk and milk products - Determination of copper content - Photometric method (Reference method)

SANS 2450 Cream - Determination of fat content - Gravimetric method (Reference method)

SANS 5764 Milk - Determination of freezing point – Thermistor cryoscopy method (Reference method)

SANS 2446 Milk - Determination of fat content is to be withdrawn.

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

Collated comments were submitted on the new “Regulation relating to the Identification of Animals” (R.6091 of 4 April 2025) to the Department of Agriculture, Directorate: Animal Production on behalf of Milk

SA in consultation with the Milk SA Programme Manager: Animal Health & Welfare during the second quarter.

Circulated updated notifications regarding declaration of the Foot and Mouth Disease Management Area to the stakeholders.

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

The work of ARSO TC34/04 is progressing, and the following Draft African Standards (DARS) are out for comments and have been submitted to the WTO for notification:

- DARS 1074: 2025: Cheddar Cheese Specification
- DARS 1075:2025, Edam cheese Specification
- DARS 1077:2025, Emmental cheese Specification
- DARS 1081:2025, Mozzarella cheese Specification
- DARS 1082:2025, Cream cheese Specification
- DARS 1083:2025, Fermented (cultured) Milk Specification
- DARS 1352:2025, Whey cheese Specification

2. INTERNATIONAL DAIRY FEDERATION (IDF) AND CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

The following developments were noted during the second quarter:

Standing Committee on Standards of Identity and Labelling (SCSIL) established an electronic working group to take on new work on the application of food labelling provisions in emergencies.

Request for comments on the definition of fermentation and precision fermentation from the perspective of the GSUDT.

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.

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

Liaised and consulted with the Milk SA Programme Manager: Animal Health & Welfare together with Milk SA programme Manager: Environmental Sustainability on regulations matters relating to Animal Identification and Waste Information. Interacted with role-players undertaken via the Milk SA

organisational structures.

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.

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. Liaised with the Department of Agriculture, Directorate: Animal Production to communicate the concerns of the Milk SA regarding the new Animal Identification Regulation. The level of commitment by the project team ensures ongoing recognition from government structures as well as industry associations outside the Milk SA organisation, 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	PRJ-0407 June 2025.pdf
Unnecessary spending during period	No

Popular Report

[RS popular report Q2 2025 \(002\).pdf](#)

Additional documentation

No file has been uploaded

Statement

Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract	Yes
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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