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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS ACT, 1990 (ACT No. 119 OF 1990)

**INVITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED INSPECTION FEES FOR
2026 BY THE DESIGNATED ASSIGNEE, PROKON**

The Executive Officer: Agricultural Product Standards hereby invites comments on the proposed inspection fees in terms of section 3 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act no. 119 of 1990), as amended. The proposed inspection fees are derived from the business plan and budget, which can be accessed on the Department's website, thus enabling stakeholders to make informed comments or representations to the Executive Officer.

The proposed inspection fees for 2026 by PROKON are in respect of the following:

- Annexure A – All imported regulated fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Annexure B – All regulated fresh fruits and vegetables whose inspection is conducted in retail trade.
- Annexure C – All regulated fresh fruits and vegetables whose inspection is conducted at wholesale markets.
- Annexure D – All regulated fresh potatoes

Annexures are part of this publication.

Comments and representations must be submitted within **30 days** from the date of publication of this Notice to the following address:

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Departmental website: <https://www.nda.gov.za/index.php/core-business/agricultural-production/inspection-services/food-safety-quality-assurance>



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ANNEXURE A

**PROPOSED INSPECTION FEES FOR 2026 BY PROKON
ALL IMPORTED REGULATED FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Product	Point of inspection	Times	Inspection fee
All regulated fresh fruits and vegetables	All ports of entry and other officially designated inspection points	Normal time (Monday to Friday) 08h00 -16h00 Saturday 08h00 - 13h00 Sunday 08h00 - 12h00	R260.40 per half hour or part thereof
		Normal overtime (Monday to Saturday) After 16h00 Monday to Friday After 13h00 on Saturday	R586.95 per hour or part thereof
		Sunday and Public Holidays	R700.35 per hour or part thereof
		Kilometre rate	R6.50 per kilometre

- * All fees exclude Value Added Tax (VAT).
- * Prokon has used CPI+2% annual increase over the last five years. This increase ensures sustainability, fairness and transparency. CPI+2% is a clear objective formula as it avoids arbitrary increases, reduces negotiation disputes and builds trust between parties. By tying adjustments to a well recognise index plus a small fix increment, organisations can plan budgets and forecast with confidence while ensuring that payments or salaries/wages remains fair and sustainable over time.
- * Fees encompass all administrative, operational and reporting duties as stipulated.

ANNEXURE C

**PROPOSED INSPECTION FEES FOR 2026 BY PROKON
ALL REGULATED FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES WHOSE INSPECTION IS CONDUCTED IN RETAIL TRADE**

Price based per hour: R 850.00

Products
Artichoke
Asparagus
Aubergines / Eggplant
Baby Marrow (Courgette)
Broccoli
Brussel Sprouts,
Butternut, Gem Squash
Cabbage
Carrots, Cauliflower
Celery
Chillies
Chinese
Cucumber
Endives
Fennel
Ginger
Green Beans
Green Onions
Green Peas
Horse-Radish
Leeks, Lettuce
Mushrooms
Okra, Parsley
Potatoes
Parsnips
Peppers / Capsicums
Pumpkins

Products
Beetroot
Black Berries
Blue Berries
Cabbages
Cactus Pear
Cranberries
Dragon fruit
Figs
Gooseberries
Granadilla
Guava
Jack fruit
Kiwi fruit
Mango
Melons
Papayas
Persimmons
Pomegranates
Radish
Rhubarb
Scorzonera
Spinach
Sweet Potatoes
Sweetcorn
Turnips
Witloof Chicory

Products
Apples
Apricots
Avocados
Bananas
Citrus Fruit
Garlic
Grapes
Litchis
Nectarines
Onions
Peaches
Pears
Pineapples
Plums
Prunes
Quinces
Raspberries
Shallots
Star Fruit
Strawberries
Tomatoes
Watermelons
Unspecified vegetables
Unspecified fruits

* Travel costs charged at R 6.50 per kilometre (excluding VAT) for all business-related travel.

* All fees exclude Value Added Tax (VAT).

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* Fees encompass all administrative, operational and reporting duties as stipulated.

ANNEXURE C

**PROPOSED INSPECTION FEES FOR 2026 BY PROKON
ALL REGULATED FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES WHOSE INSPECTION IS CONDUCTED AT WHOLESALE MARKETS.**

Price based on kilogram	R 0.017
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Products
Artichoke
Asparagus
Aubergines / Eggplant
Baby Marrow (Courgette)
Broccoli
Brussel Sprouts,
Butternut, Gem Squash
Cabbage
Carrots, Cauliflower
Celery
Chillies
Chinese
Cucumber
Endives
Fennel
Ginger
Green Beans
Green Onions
Green Peas
Horse-Radish
Leeks, Lettuce
Mushrooms
Okra, Parsley
Parsnips
Peppers / Capsicums
Pumpkins

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Blue Berries
Cabbages
Cactus Pear
Cranberries
Dragon fruit
Figs
Gooseberries
Granadilla
Guava
Jack fruit
Kiwi fruit
Mango
Melons
Papayas
Persimmons
Pomegranates
Radish
Rhubarb
Scorzonera
Spinach
Sweet Potatoes
Sweetcorn
Turnips
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Apples
Apricots
Avocados
Bananas
Citrus Fruit
Garlic
Grapes
Litchis
Nectarines
Onions
Peaches
Pears
Pineapples
Plums
Prunes
Quinces
Raspberries
Shallots
Star Fruit
Strawberries
Tomatoes
Watermelons
Unspecified vegetables
Unspecified fruits

- * All fees exclude Value Added Tax (VAT).
- * Prokon has used CPI+2% annual increase over the last five years. This increase ensures sustainability, fairness and transparency. CPI+2% is a clear objective formula as it avoids arbitrary increases, reduces negotiation disputes and builds trust between parties. By tying adjustments to a well recognised index plus a small fix increase, organisations can plan budgets and forecast with confidence while ensuring that payments or salaries/wages remains fair and sustainable over time.
- * Fees encompass all physical, operational and administrative duties related to inspections.

ANNEXURE D

PROPOSED INSPECTION FEES FOR 2026 BY PROKON
ALL REGULATED FRESH POTATOES

Price per kilogram = R0.017, i.e., 1.7c

- * All fees exclude Value Added Tax (VAT).
- * Prokon has used CPI+2% annual increase over the last five years. This increase ensures sustainability, fairness and transparency. CPI+2% is a clear objective formula as it avoids arbitrary increases, reduces negotiation disputes and builds trust between parties. By tying adjustments to a well recognise index plus a small fix increase, organisations can plan budgets and forecast with confidence while ensuring that payments or salaries/wages remains fair and sustainable over time.
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