



Directorate Food Safety and Quality Assurance, Private Bag X343, PRETORIA, 0001

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**TO:** ALL MANUFACTURERS AND PROCESSORS OF CERTAIN RAW PROCESSED MEAT PRODUCTS

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**INDUSTRY-WIDE DISPENSATION: INTRODUCTION OF A NEW CLASS OF ECONO MINCE IN THE CERTAIN RAW PROCESSED MEAT PRODUCTS REGULATIONS**

1. The above caption bears reference.
2. Permission is hereby granted by the Executive Officer: Agricultural Product Standards, in terms of section 3(1)(c) of Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No.119 of 1990) to all manufacturers and processors of certain raw processed meat products, to nationally sell a new class of 'econo mince' under the Certain Raw Processed Product regulation No. R. 2410 of 26 August 2022, as amended.
3. The class name shall be 'Econo Mince'. The appropriate product name for the class shall be 'econo mince' or 'savory mince' or 'savory mix' or 'budget mince'.
4. The "Econo Mince" shall have the following specific compositional requirements:
  - a. *shall be manufactured from chopped or comminuted meat of a domesticated animal, bird or wild game species, or from a mixture of two or more thereof;*
  - b. *shall have a minimum total meat content of 35%;*
  - c. *shall have a minimum total meat equivalent of 55%;*
  - d. *shall have a fat content (as analysed) of no more than 30%;*
  - e. *shall contain no inedible offal;*
  - f. *shall contain mechanically recovered meat: Provided that –*
    - i. *if the mechanically recovered meat has been added to a level of more than 50% of the total meat content, then the appropriate product name shall be followed or preceded by the expression "Mechanically Deboned Meat" or wording having a similar meaning at letters of the same font, size and colour:*
    - ii. *the requirements on Quantitative Ingredient Declarations (QUID), as specified in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972), shall be complied with;*

- g. shall contain no added ingredients other than –
  - i. cereal or starch and/or vegetable protein;*
  - ii. vinegar, spices, herbs and/or salt;*
  - iii. food additives; and*
  - iv. water**
- h. may contain edible offal, colourants, and other foodstuffs; and*
- i. shall be presented for sale only in the frozen state.*

5. This permission is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) All other conditions of the relevant regulations shall be complied with.
- (b) It may be withdrawn at any time should a valid complaint be received
- (c) All manufacturers and producers of certain raw processed meat products indemnifies this Directorate and the Department from any detrimental effect, financially or otherwise, which may emanate as a result of this permission.
- (d) Termination date: 31 May 2027.



**DEPUTY DIRECTOR: FOOD SAFETY & QUALITY ASSURANCE**

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