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HIGH ALERT: SCAM WARNING!!!

TO ALL SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS

It has come to the attention of the *GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS* that there are certain unscrupulous companies and individuals who are defrauding unsuspecting businesses disguised as representatives of the *Government Printing Works (GPW)*.

The scam involves the fraudsters using the letterhead of *GPW* to send out fake tender bids to companies and requests to supply equipment and goods.

Although the contact person's name on the letter may be of an existing official, the contact details on the letter are not the same as the *Government Printing Works*. When searching on the Internet for the address of the company that has sent the fake tender document, the address does not exist.

The banking details are in a private name and not company name. Government will never ask you to deposit any funds for any business transaction. *GPW* has alerted the relevant law enforcement authorities to investigate this scam to protect legitimate businesses as well as the name of the organisation.

Example of e-mails these fraudsters are using:

PROCUREMENT@GPW-GOV.ORG

Should you suspect that you are a victim of a scam, you must urgently contact the police and inform the *GPW*.

GPW has an official email with the domain as @gpw.gov.za

Government e-mails DO NOT have org in their e-mail addresses. All of these fraudsters also use the same or very similar telephone numbers. Although such number with an area code 012 looks like a landline, it is not fixed to any property.

GPW will never send you an e-mail asking you to supply equipment and goods without a purchase/order number. *GPW* does not procure goods for another level of Government. The organisation will not be liable for actions that result in companies or individuals being resultant victims of such a scam.

Government Printing Works gives businesses the opportunity to supply goods and services through RFQ / Tendering process. In order to be eligible to bid to provide goods and services, suppliers must be registered on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD). To be registered, they must meet all current legislative requirements (e.g. have a valid tax clearance certificate and be in good standing with the South African Revenue Services - SARS).

The tender process is managed through the Supply Chain Management (SCM) system of the department. SCM is highly regulated to minimise the risk of fraud, and to meet objectives which include value for money, open and effective competition, equitability, accountability, fair dealing, transparency and an ethical approach. Relevant legislation, regulations, policies, guidelines and instructions can be found on the tender's website.

Fake Tenders

National Treasury's CSD has launched the Government Order Scam campaign to combat fraudulent requests for quotes (RFQs). Such fraudulent requests have resulted in innocent companies losing money. We work hard at preventing and fighting fraud, but criminal activity is always a risk.

How tender scams work

There are many types of tender scams. Here are some of the more frequent scenarios:

Fraudsters use what appears to be government department stationery with fictitious logos and contact details to send a fake RFQ to a company to invite it to urgently supply goods. Shortly after the company has submitted its quote, it receives notification that it has won the tender. The company delivers the goods to someone who poses as an official or at a fake site. The Department has no idea of this transaction made in its name. The company is then never paid and suffers a loss.

OR

Fraudsters use what appears to be government department stationery with fictitious logos and contact details to send a fake RFQ to Company A to invite it to urgently supply goods. Typically, the tender specification is so unique that only Company B (a fictitious company created by the fraudster) can supply the goods in question.

Shortly after Company A has submitted its quote it receives notification that it has won the tender. Company A orders the goods and pays a deposit to the fictitious Company B. Once Company B receives the money, it disappears. Company A's money is stolen in the process.

Protect yourself from being scammed

- If you are registered on the supplier databases and you receive a request to tender or quote that seems to be from a government department, contact the department to confirm that the request is legitimate. Do not use the contact details on the tender document as these might be fraudulent.
- Compare tender details with those that appear in the Tender Bulletin, available online at www.gpwonline.co.za
- Make sure you familiarise yourself with how government procures goods and services. Visit the tender website for more information on how to tender.
- If you are uncomfortable about the request received, consider visiting the government department and/or the place of delivery and/or the service provider from whom you will be sourcing the goods.
- In the unlikely event that you are asked for a deposit to make a bid, contact the SCM unit of the department in question to ask whether this is in fact correct.

Any incidents of corruption, fraud, theft and misuse of government property in the *Government Printing Works* can be reported to:

Supply Chain Management: Ms. Anna Marie Du Toit, Tel. (012) 748 6292.
Email: Annamarie.DuToit@gpw.gov.za

Marketing and Stakeholder Relations: Ms Bonakele Mbhele, at Tel. (012) 748 6193.
Email: Bonakele.Mbhele@gpw.gov.za

Security Services: Mr Daniel Legoabe, at tel. (012) 748 6176.
Email: Daniel.Legoabe@gpw.gov.za

Closing times for **ORDINARY WEEKLY** **REGULATION GAZETTE** **2026**

The closing time is 15:00 sharp on the following days:

- **23 December**, Tuesday for the issue of Friday **02 January 2026**
- **02 January**, Friday for the issue of Friday **09 January 2026**
- **09 January**, Friday for the issue of Friday **16 January 2026**
- **16 January**, Friday for the issue of Friday **23 January 2026**
- **23 January**, Friday for the issue of Friday **30 January 2026**
- **30 January**, Friday for the issue of Friday **06 February 2026**
- **06 February**, Friday for the issue of Friday **13 February 2026**
- **13 February**, Friday for the issue of Friday **20 February 2026**
- **20 February**, Friday for the issue of Friday **27 February 2026**
- **27 February**, Friday for the issue of Friday **06 March 2026**
- **06 March**, Friday for the issue of Friday **13 March 2026**
- **13 March**, Friday for the issue of Thursday **20 March 2026**
- **20 March**, Friday for the issue of Friday **27 March 2026**
- **26 March**, Thursday for the issue of Thursday **02 April 2026**
- **01 April**, Wednesday for the issue of Friday **10 April 2026**
- **10 April**, Friday for the issue of Friday **17 April 2026**
- **17 April**, Friday for the issue of Friday **24 April 2026**
- **22 April**, Wednesday for the issue of Thursday **30 April 2026**
- **30 April**, Thursday for the issue of Friday **08 May 2026**
- **08 May**, Friday for the issue of Friday **15 May 2026**
- **15 May**, Friday for the issue of Friday **22 May 2026**
- **22 May**, Friday for the issue of Friday **29 May 2026**
- **29 May**, Friday for the issue of Friday **05 June 2026**
- **05 June**, Thursday for the issue of Friday **12 June 2026**
- **11 June**, Thursday for the issue of Friday **19 June 2026**
- **19 June**, Friday for the issue of Friday **26 June 2026**
- **26 June**, Friday for the issue of Friday **03 July 2026**
- **03 July**, Friday for the issue of Friday **10 July 2026**
- **10 July**, Friday for the issue of Friday **17 July 2026**
- **17 July**, Friday for the issue of Friday **24 July 2026**
- **24 July**, Friday for the issue of Friday **31 July 2026**
- **31 July**, Friday for the issue of Friday **07 August 2026**
- **06 August**, Thursday for the issue of Friday **14 August 2026**
- **14 August**, Friday for the issue of Friday **21 August 2026**
- **21 August**, Friday for the issue of Friday **28 August 2026**
- **28 August**, Friday for the issue of Friday **04 September 2026**
- **04 September**, Friday for the issue of Friday **11 September 2026**
- **11 September**, Friday for the issue of Friday **18 September 2026**
- **17 September**, Thursday for the issue of Friday **25 September 2026**
- **25 September**, Friday for the issue of Friday **02 October 2026**
- **02 October**, Friday for the issue of Friday **09 October 2026**
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- **10 December**, Thursday for the issue of Friday **18 December 2026**
- **17 December**, Thursday for the issue of Thursday **24 December 2026**
- **23 December**, Wednesday for the issue of Thursday **31 December 2026**

LIST OF TARIFF RATES FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICES

COMMENCEMENT: 1 APRIL 2018

NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL

Notice sizes for National, Provincial & Tender gazettes 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 per page. Notices submitted will be charged at R1008.80 per full page, pro-rated based on the above categories.

Pricing for National, Provincial - Variable Priced Notices		
Notice Type	Page Space	New Price (R)
Ordinary National, Provincial	1/4 - Quarter Page	252.20
Ordinary National, Provincial	2/4 - Half Page	504.40
Ordinary National, Provincial	3/4 - Three Quarter Page	756.60
Ordinary National, Provincial	4/4 - Full Page	1008.80

EXTRA-ORDINARY

All Extra-ordinary National and Provincial gazette notices are non-standard notices and attract a variable price based on the number of pages submitted.

The pricing structure for National and Provincial notices which are submitted as **Extra ordinary submissions** will be charged at **R3026.32** per page.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES

The **Government Printing Works (GPW)** has established rules for submitting notices in line with its electronic notice processing system, which requires the use of electronic *Adobe Forms*. Please ensure that you adhere to these guidelines when completing and submitting your notice submission.

CLOSING TIMES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICES

1. The *Government Gazette* and *Government Tender Bulletin* are weekly publications that are published on Fridays and the closing time for the acceptance of notices is strictly applied according to the scheduled time for each gazette.
2. Please refer to the Submission Notice Deadline schedule in the table below. This schedule is also published online on the Government Printing works website www.gpwonline.co.za

All re-submissions will be subject to the standard cut-off times.

All notices received after the closing time will be rejected.

Government Gazette Type	Publication Frequency	Publication Date	Submission Deadline	Cancellations Deadline
National Gazette	Weekly	Friday	Friday 15h00 for next Friday	Tuesday, 15h00 - 3 working days prior to publication
Regulation Gazette	Weekly	Friday	Friday 15h00 for next Friday	Tuesday, 15h00 - 3 working days prior to publication
Petrol Price Gazette	Monthly	Tuesday before 1st Wednesday of the month	One day before publication	1 working day prior to publication
Road Carrier Permits	Weekly	Friday	Thursday 15h00 for next Friday	3 working days prior to publication
Unclaimed Monies (Justice, Labour or Lawyers)	January / September 2 per year	Last Friday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
Parliament (Acts, White Paper, Green Paper)	As required	Any day of the week	None	3 working days prior to publication
Manuals	Bi- Monthly	2nd and last Thursday of the month	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
State of Budget (National Treasury)	Monthly	30th or last Friday of the month	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
<i>Extraordinary Gazettes</i>	As required	Any day of the week	<i>Before 10h00 on publication date</i>	<i>Before 10h00 on publication date</i>
Legal Gazettes A, B and C	Weekly	Friday	One week before publication	Tuesday, 15h00 - 3 working days prior to publication
Tender Bulletin	Weekly	Friday	Friday 15h00 for next Friday	Tuesday, 15h00 - 3 working days prior to publication
Gauteng	Weekly	Wednesday	Two weeks before publication	3 days after submission deadline
Eastern Cape	Weekly	Monday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
Northern Cape	Weekly	Monday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
North West	Weekly	Tuesday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
KwaZulu-Natal	Weekly	Thursday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
Limpopo	Weekly	Friday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
Mpumalanga	Weekly	Friday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication

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Government Gazette Type	Publication Frequency	Publication Date	Submission Deadline	Cancellations Deadline
Gauteng Liquor License Gazette	Monthly	Wednesday before the First Friday of the month	Two weeks before publication	3 working days after submission deadline
Northern Cape Liquor License Gazette	Monthly	First Friday of the month	Two weeks before publication	3 working days after submission deadline
National Liquor License Gazette	Monthly	First Friday of the month	Two weeks before publication	3 working days after submission deadline
Mpumalanga Liquor License Gazette	Bi-Monthly	Second & Fourth Friday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication

EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTES

3. *Extraordinary Gazettes* can have only one publication date. If multiple publications of an *Extraordinary Gazette* are required, a separate Z95/Z95Prov *Adobe* Forms for each publication date must be submitted.

NOTICE SUBMISSION PROCESS

4. Download the latest *Adobe* form, for the relevant notice to be placed, from the **Government Printing Works** website www.gpwonline.co.za.
5. The *Adobe* form needs to be completed electronically using *Adobe Acrobat / Acrobat Reader*. Only electronically completed *Adobe* forms will be accepted. No printed, handwritten and/or scanned *Adobe* forms will be accepted.
6. The completed electronic *Adobe* form has to be submitted via email to submit.egazette@gpw.gov.za. The form needs to be submitted in its original electronic *Adobe* format to enable the system to extract the completed information from the form for placement in the publication.
7. Every notice submitted **must** be accompanied by an official **GPW** quotation. This must be obtained from the *eGazette* Contact Centre.
8. Each notice submission should be sent as a single email. The email **must** contain **all documentation relating to a particular notice submission**.
 - 8.1. Each of the following documents must be attached to the email as a separate attachment:
 - 8.1.1. An electronically completed *Adobe* form, specific to the type of notice that is to be placed.
 - 8.1.1.1. For *National Government Gazette* or *Provincial Gazette* notices, the notices must be accompanied by an electronic Z95 or Z95Prov *Adobe* form
 - 8.1.1.2. The notice content (body copy) **MUST** be a separate attachment.
 - 8.1.2. A copy of the official **Government Printing Works** quotation you received for your notice. (*Please see Quotation section below for further details*)
 - 8.1.3. A valid and legible Proof of Payment / Purchase Order: **Government Printing Works** account customer must include a copy of their Purchase Order. **Non-Government Printing Works** account customer needs to submit the proof of payment for the notice
 - 8.1.4. Where separate notice content is applicable (Z95, Z95 Prov and TForm 3, it should **also** be attached as a separate attachment. (*Please see the Copy Section below, for the specifications*).
 - 8.1.5. Any additional notice information if applicable.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES

9. The electronic *Adobe* form will be taken as the primary source for the notice information to be published. Instructions that are on the email body or covering letter that contradicts the notice form content will not be considered. The information submitted on the electronic *Adobe* form will be published as-is.
10. To avoid duplicated publication of the same notice and double billing, Please submit your notice **ONLY ONCE**.
11. Notices brought to **GPW** by “walk-in” customers on electronic media can only be submitted in *Adobe* electronic form format. All “walk-in” customers with notices that are not on electronic *Adobe* forms will be routed to the Contact Centre where they will be assisted to complete the forms in the required format.
12. Should a customer submit a bulk submission of hard copy notices delivered by a messenger on behalf of any organisation e.g. newspaper publisher, the messenger will be referred back to the sender as the submission does not adhere to the submission rules.

QUOTATIONS

13. Quotations are valid until the next tariff change.
 - 13.1. **Take note:** **GPW's** annual tariff increase takes place on **1 April** therefore any quotations issued, accepted and submitted for publication up to **31 March** will keep the old tariff. For notices to be published from 1 April, a quotation must be obtained from **GPW** with the new tariffs. Where a tariff increase is implemented during the year, **GPW** endeavours to provide customers with 30 days' notice of such changes.
14. Each quotation has a unique number.
15. Form Content notices must be emailed to the *eGazette* Contact Centre for a quotation.
 - 15.1. The *Adobe* form supplied is uploaded by the Contact Centre Agent and the system automatically calculates the cost of your notice based on the layout/format of the content supplied.
 - 15.2. It is critical that these *Adobe* Forms are completed correctly and adhere to the guidelines as stipulated by **GPW**.
16. **APPLICABLE ONLY TO GPW ACCOUNT HOLDERS:**
 - 16.1. **GPW** Account Customers must provide a valid **GPW** account number to obtain a quotation.
 - 16.2. Accounts for **GPW** account customers **must** be active with sufficient credit to transact with **GPW** to submit notices.
 - 16.2.1. If you are unsure about or need to resolve the status of your account, please contact the **GPW** Finance Department prior to submitting your notices. (If the account status is not resolved prior to submission of your notice, the notice will be failed during the process).
17. **APPLICABLE ONLY TO CASH CUSTOMERS:**
 - 17.1. Cash customers doing **bulk payments** must use a **single email address** in order to use the **same proof of payment** for submitting multiple notices.
18. The responsibility lies with you, the customer, to ensure that the payment made for your notice(s) to be published is sufficient to cover the cost of the notice(s).
19. Each quotation will be associated with one proof of payment / purchase order / cash receipt.
 - 19.1. This means that **the quotation number can only be used once to make a payment.**

GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES**COPY (SEPARATE NOTICE CONTENT DOCUMENT)**

20. Where the copy is part of a separate attachment document for Z95, Z95Prov and TForm03
- 20.1. Copy of notices must be supplied in a separate document and may not constitute part of any covering letter, purchase order, proof of payment or other attached documents.
- The content document should contain only one notice. (You may include the different translations of the same notice in the same document).
- 20.2. The notice should be set on an A4 page, with margins and fonts set as follows:
- Page size = A4 Portrait with page margins: Top = 40mm, LH/RH = 16mm, Bottom = 40mm;
Use font size: Arial or Helvetica 10pt with 11pt line spacing;
- Page size = A4 Landscape with page margins: Top = 16mm, LH/RH = 40mm, Bottom = 16mm;
Use font size: Arial or Helvetica 10pt with 11pt line spacing;

CANCELLATIONS

21. Cancellation of notice submissions are accepted by **GPW** according to the deadlines stated in the table above in point 2. Non-compliance to these deadlines will result in your request being failed. Please pay special attention to the different deadlines for each gazette. Please note that any notices cancelled after the cancellation deadline will be published and charged at full cost.
22. Requests for cancellation must be sent by the original sender of the notice and must be accompanied by the relevant notice reference number (N-) in the email body.

AMENDMENTS TO NOTICES

23. With effect from 01 October 2015, **GPW** will not longer accept amendments to notices. The cancellation process will need to be followed according to the deadline and a new notice submitted thereafter for the next available publication date.

REJECTIONS

24. All notices not meeting the submission rules will be rejected to the customer to be corrected and resubmitted. Assistance will be available through the Contact Centre should help be required when completing the forms. (012-748 6200 or email info.egazette@gpw.gov.za). Reasons for rejections include the following:
- 24.1. Incorrectly completed forms and notices submitted in the wrong format, will be rejected.
- 24.2. Any notice submissions not on the correct *Adobe* electronic form, will be rejected.
- 24.3. Any notice submissions not accompanied by the proof of payment / purchase order will be rejected and the notice will not be processed.
- 24.4. Any submissions or re-submissions that miss the submission cut-off times will be rejected to the customer. The Notice needs to be re-submitted with a new publication date.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES**APPROVAL OF NOTICES**

25. Any notices other than legal notices are subject to the approval of the Government Printer, who may refuse acceptance or further publication of any notice.
26. No amendments will be accepted in respect to separate notice content that was sent with a Z95 or Z95Prov notice submissions. The copy of notice in layout format (previously known as proof-out) is only provided where requested, for Advertiser to see the notice in final Gazette layout. Should they find that the information submitted was incorrect, they should request for a notice cancellation and resubmit the corrected notice, subject to standard submission deadlines. The cancellation is also subject to the stages in the publishing process, i.e. If cancellation is received when production (printing process) has commenced, then the notice cannot be cancelled.

GOVERNMENT PRINTER INDEMNIFIED AGAINST LIABILITY

27. The Government Printer will assume no liability in respect of—
 - 27.1. any delay in the publication of a notice or publication of such notice on any date other than that stipulated by the advertiser;
 - 27.2. erroneous classification of a notice, or the placement of such notice in any section or under any heading other than the section or heading stipulated by the advertiser;
 - 27.3. any editing, revision, omission, typographical errors or errors resulting from faint or indistinct copy.

LIABILITY OF ADVERTISER

28. Advertisers will be held liable for any compensation and costs arising from any action which may be instituted against the Government Printer in consequence of the publication of any notice.

CUSTOMER INQUIRIES

Many of our customers request immediate feedback/confirmation of notice placement in the gazette from our Contact Centre once they have submitted their notice – While **GPW** deems it one of their highest priorities and responsibilities to provide customers with this requested feedback and the best service at all times, we are only able to do so once we have started processing your notice submission.

GPW has a 2-working day turnaround time for processing notices received according to the business rules and deadline submissions.

Please keep this in mind when making inquiries about your notice submission at the Contact Centre.

29. Requests for information, quotations and inquiries must be sent to the Contact Centre **ONLY**.
30. Requests for Quotations (RFQs) should be received by the Contact Centre at least **2 working days** before the submission deadline for that specific publication.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES

PAYMENT OF COST

31. The Request for Quotation for placement of the notice should be sent to the Gazette Contact Centre as indicated above, prior to submission of notice for advertising.
32. Payment should then be made, or Purchase Order prepared based on the received quotation, prior to the submission of the notice for advertising as these documents i.e. proof of payment or Purchase order will be required as part of the notice submission, as indicated earlier.
33. Every proof of payment must have a valid **GPW** quotation number as a reference on the proof of payment document.
34. Where there is any doubt about the cost of publication of a notice, and in the case of copy, an enquiry, accompanied by the relevant copy, should be addressed to the Gazette Contact Centre, **Government Printing Works**, Private Bag X85, Pretoria, 0001 email: info.egazette@gpw.gov.za before publication.
35. Overpayment resulting from miscalculation on the part of the advertiser of the cost of publication of a notice will not be refunded, unless the advertiser furnishes adequate reasons why such miscalculation occurred. In the event of underpayments, the difference will be recovered from the advertiser, and future notice(s) will not be published until such time as the full cost of such publication has been duly paid in cash or electronic funds transfer into the **Government Printing Works** banking account.
36. In the event of a notice being cancelled, a refund will be made only if no cost regarding the placing of the notice has been incurred by the **Government Printing Works**.
37. The **Government Printing Works** reserves the right to levy an additional charge in cases where notices, the cost of which has been calculated in accordance with the List of Fixed Tariff Rates, are subsequently found to be excessively lengthy or to contain overmuch or complicated tabulation.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

38. Copies of any of the *Government Gazette* or *Provincial Gazette* can be downloaded from the **Government Printing Works** website www.gpwonline.co.za free of charge, should a proof of publication be required.
39. Printed copies may be ordered from the Publications department at the ruling price. The **Government Printing Works** will assume no liability for any failure to post or for any delay in despatching of such *Government Gazette*(s)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS CONTACT INFORMATION

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Government Printing Works

149 Bosman Street

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Postal Address:

Private Bag X85

Pretoria

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GPW Banking Details:
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Account No.: 405 7114 016

Branch Code: 632-005

For Gazette and Notice submissions: Gazette Submissions:

For queries and quotations, contact: Gazette Contact Centre:

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E-mail: info.egazette@gpw.gov.za
Tel: 012-748 6200

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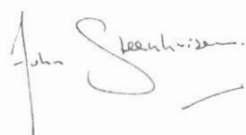
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24 April 2026

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

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION, PACKING AND MARKING OF MAYONNAISE,
SALAD CREAM, SALAD DRESSING AND SALAD OIL DRESSING INTENDED FOR SALE IN THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

The Minister for Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development has, acting under section 15 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), made the regulations in the Schedule.



**MR J H STEENHUISEN
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE**

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**PART I
DEFINITIONS, SCOPE AND RESTRICTIONS**

Definitions

1. Any word or expression in these regulations to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates --

"acidifying agent (acid)" means food ingredients such as vinegar, lemon juice and/or lime juice and/or other permitted food acids whose primary technological function is acidification, such as lactic acid, citric acid and malic acid;

"address" means a physical address and includes the street or road number or name and the name of the town, village or suburb and, in the case of a farm, the name or number of the farm and of the magisterial district in which it is situated and, in the case of imported foodstuffs, the name and address as provided for in the Codex Alimentarius Commission's document entitled: General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foodstuffs, CODEX STAN 1-1985;

"assignee" means a person, undertaking, body, institution, association or board designated under section 2(3) of the Act;

"batch" means a group or set of identifiable products obtained from a given process under practically identical circumstances and produced in a given place within a defined production period as defined by the food business operator;

"container" means the immediate packaging in which Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil

Dressing are presented for sale;

"Executive Officer" means the officer designated under section 2(1) of the Act;

"flavour enhancer" means a permitted substance as defined in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972);

"flavouring" means a permitted substance as defined in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972);

"food additive" means a permitted substance as defined in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972);

"foodstuff" means a foodstuff as defined in the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972);

"hamper pack" or "gift pack" means packaging (e.g. an open carton wrapped in transparent plastic, a sealed transparent plastic bag, carton with dividing segments wrapped in transparent plastic, etc.) other than an outer container containing multiple containers of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing of the same class or of different classes, normally presented for sale during but not limited to certain special occasions, events or holiday periods (e.g. a Christmas hamper, back to school hamper, family hamper, etc.);

"herbs" mean the either fresh, dried or extract of the non-toxic leafy green or flowering parts of a plant used for among others the flavouring of foodstuffs;

"honey" means the product as defined in the latest regulations relating to the grading, packing and marking of honey and mixtures of bee products intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa published under the Act;

"inspector" means an officer under the control of the Executive Officer, or an assignee or an employee of an assignee;

"label" means any tag, brand, mark, pictorial, graphic or other descriptive matter, which is written, printed, stencilled, marked, embossed, impressed upon, or permanently attached to a container, and includes labelling for the purpose of promoting its sale or disposal;

"letters" also means figures and symbols;

"main ingredient" means the ingredient in a foodstuff which contributes the highest percentage mass in the end product, excluding water;

"main panel" means that part of the container or label that bears the brand name or trademark of the product in greatest prominence or any other part of the container or label that bears the brand name or trade mark in equal prominence;

"mayonnaise" means an emulsion of one or more vegetable oils in an aqueous phase containing an acidifying agent and protein/modified protein, complying with the requirements in regulation 5;

"Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing" means these products as well as all the classes for these products prescribed in regulation 4;

"officially recognised laboratories" means any laboratory that is nominated by the Executive Officer in writing as being suitable for the testing of compliance;

"outer container" means a carton or any other suitable packaging in which one or more containers of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing are packed, irrespective of whether it completely or partially encloses the containers, but excludes any type of outer container in which mayonnaise, salad cream, salad dressing and salad oil dressing are transported (e.g. crates, lugs corrugates etc.);

"preservative" means a permitted substance as defined in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972);

"salad cream" means an emulsion of vegetable oil, protein/modified protein and an acidifying agent, complying with the requirements in regulation 5;

"salad dressing" means an emulsion or separable vegetable oil product complying with the requirements in regulation 5;

"salad oil dressing" means a separable non-emulsified vegetable oil product complying with the requirements in regulation 5;

"spices" means dried, pungent or aromatic substances of edible plant origin (i.e., from the fruit, root, stem, bulb, bark or seeds) primarily used for flavouring, colouring or preserving of foodstuffs;

"stabilisers and/or thickeners" means a permitted substance as defined in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972);

"sugars" means all edible mono- and disaccharides other than polyols;

"sweetener" means any food additive which is used or intended to be used to impart a sweet taste to foodstuffs;

"the Act" means the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), as amended;

"traceable and traceability" means the ability to follow the movement of a foodstuff through specific stages of production, processing, and distribution; and

"water" means potable water as described in the SANS 241-1 Drinking Water Standard.

Scope of regulations

2. These regulations shall apply to Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa to which and under circumstances in which a prohibition in terms of section 3 of the Act regarding control over the sale of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing apply.

Restrictions on the sale of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing

3. (1) No person shall sell Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing in the Republic of South Africa --

- (a) unless such products are classified in accordance with the classes referred to in regulation 4;
- (b) unless such products comply with the standards regarding composition and quality referred to in regulation 5;
- (c) unless the containers and outer containers in which such products are packed, comply with the requirements referred to in regulations 6 and 7;
- (d) unless such products are marked with the particulars and in the manner prescribed in regulations 8 to 15; and
- (e) if such products are marked with particulars and in a manner so prescribed as particulars with which it may not be marked in terms of regulation 16.

(2) The Executive Officer may grant written exemption, entirely or partially, to any person on such conditions as he or she deems necessary, from the provisions of subregulation (1) above.

- (3) The restrictions in subregulation (1) above shall --
- (a) apply to the sale of products intended to be used with and on salads, with or without other uses, and those intended to be used in the place of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing;
 - (b) not apply to the sale of vinegar as defined in the latest regulations relating to the classification, packing and marking of vinegar intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa published under the Act; and
 - (c) not apply to the sale of cooking oil.

**PART II
CLASSES AND STANDARDS FOR CLASSES**

Classes of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing

4. The classes of Mayonnaise Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing shall be as follows:

- (1) **Mayonnaise:**
 - (a) Mayonnaise.
 - (b) Reduced Oil Mayonnaise.
- (2) **Salad Cream:**
 - (a) Salad Cream.
 - (b) Reduced Oil Salad Cream.
- (3) **Salad Dressing:**
 - (a) Salad Dressing/Vinaigrette/Dressing.
 - (b) Reduced Oil Salad Dressing/Reduced Oil Vinaigrette/Reduced Oil Dressing.
 - (c) Oil Free Salad Dressing/ Oil Free Vinaigrette/ Oil Free Dressing.
- (4) **Salad Oil Dressing:**
 - (a) Salad Oil Dressing.

Standards for the classes of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing

5. The standards for the classes of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing shall be as follows:

- (1) Mayonnaise --
 - (a) shall contain --
 - (i) at least 52 per cent edible vegetable oil;
 - (ii) acidifying agent; and
 - (iii) either egg, milk, pea, soya and/or other suitable vegetable-based protein; and

- (b) may contain the following permitted ingredients singly or in combinations thereof:
 - (i) water;
 - (ii) salt and/or permitted salt substitutes;
 - (iii) mustard;
 - (iv) spices, seasonings and other flavourings;
 - (v) herbs;
 - (vi) tomato paste or tomato purée;
 - (vii) flavour enhancers;
 - (viii) sweeteners;
 - (ix) food colourants and preservatives;
 - (x) stabilisers and/or thickeners; and
 - (xi) other foodstuffs: Provided that if the added foodstuff is a dairy product(s) the fat content of the added dairy product(s) shall be in addition to the prescribed edible vegetable oil content of the product and not in replacement thereof
- (2) Reduced oil mayonnaise --
 - (a) shall contain not more than 39 per cent and not less than 22 per cent edible vegetable oil; and
 - (b) may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (a), contain any of the ingredients as prescribed in subregulation (1)(b).
- (3) Salad cream --
 - (a) shall contain --
 - (i) at least 25 per cent edible vegetable oil;
 - (ii) acidifying agent; and
 - (iii) either egg, milk, pea, soya and/or other suitable vegetable-based protein.
 - (b) may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (a), contain any of the ingredients as prescribed in subregulation (1)(b).
- (4) Reduced oil salad cream shall --
 - (a) contain not more than 18 per cent and not less than 13 per cent edible vegetable oil; and
 - (b) subject to the provisions of paragraph (a), comply with all the quality standards prescribed in subregulation (3).
- (5) Salad dressing --
 - (a) shall contain more than 12 per cent but not more than 50 per cent edible vegetable oil; and

- (b) may contain the following permitted ingredients singly or in combinations thereof -
- (i) acidifying agent;
 - (ii) water;
 - (iii) salt and/or permitted salt substitutes;
 - (iv) mustard;
 - (v) spices, seasonings and other flavourings;
 - (vi) herbs;
 - (vii) tomato paste or tomato purée;
 - (viii) flavour enhancers;
 - (ix) sweeteners;
 - (x) food colourants and preservatives;
 - (xi) stabilisers and/or thickeners;
 - (xii) egg, milk, pea and soya protein/modified protein;
 - (xiii) milk solids; and
 - (xiv) other foodstuffs: Provided that if the added foodstuff is a dairy product(s) the fat content of the added dairy product(s) shall be in addition to the prescribed edible vegetable oil content of the product and not in replacement thereof.
- (6) Reduced oil salad dressing --
- (a) shall contain more than 0,5 per cent but not more than 12 per cent edible vegetable oil; and
 - (b) may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (a), contain any of the ingredients as prescribed in subregulation (5)(b).
- (7) Oil-free salad dressing --
- (a) shall contain not more than 0,5 per cent edible vegetable oil; and
 - (b) may contain any of the ingredients as prescribed in subregulation (5)(b).
- (8) Salad oil Dressing --
- (a) shall contain not more than 95 per cent and not less than 60 per cent edible vegetable oil;
 - (b) shall not contain any emulsified vegetable oil; and
 - (c) may contain the following permitted ingredients singly or in combinations thereof --
 - (i) acidifying agent;
 - (ii) water;
 - (iii) salt and/or permitted salt substitutes;

- (iv) mustard;
- (v) spices, seasonings and other flavourings;
- (vi) herbs;
- (vii) flavour enhancers;
- (viii) sweeteners;
- (ix) food colourants and preservatives;
- (x) other foodstuffs.

PART III PACKING AND CONTAINERS

Packing requirements

6. No outer container, excluding hamper and gift packs, shall contain more than one class of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing, irrespective of whether those Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing products are packed therein in separate containers.

Requirements for containers and outer containers

7. (1) A container in which Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing is packed shall be --

- (a) made from a material that --
 - (i) is suitable for this purpose;
 - (ii) will protect the contents thereof from contamination; and
 - (iii) will not impart any undesirable flavour to the contents thereof;
- (b) be so strong that it will not be damaged or deformed during normal storage, handling and transport practices;
- (c) in the case of a container that is re-used, thoroughly cleaned and sterilised before a Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing is packed therein;
- (d) intact and clean; and
- (e) closed properly in a manner permitted by the nature thereof.

(2) If containers containing Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing are packed in outer containers, such outer containers shall be intact, clean, neat, suitable and strong.

PART IV MARKING REQUIREMENTS

Marking of containers and outer containers

8. (1) Except where specifically prescribed, all other marking requirements as specified by these regulations shall be legible and be indicated at least in English, in detached letters of at least 1 mm in size for lower case vowels.

(2) Each container of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing shall be marked with the following particulars at least in English:

- (a) **The class designation**, as specified in regulation 9, in clearly legible detached letters of the same type, size and font, prominently on at least one main panel in a letter size of at least 3mm for lower case vowels.
 - (b) **The additions to the class designation**, where applicable, as specified in regulation 10, in clearly legible detached letters of the same type and font as part of the class designation described in paragraph (a) above: Provided that the difference in letter size between the smallest letter in the class designation and smallest letter in the additions to the class designation shall not exceed 3mm.
 - (c) **The additional particulars on the main panel may**, where applicable, as specified in regulation 11, be indicated on the main panel(s): Provided that if indicated as part of the class designation the letter type, size and font shall be the same as prescribed for the class designation described in paragraph (a) above.
 - (d) **The additional particulars on the container**, where applicable, as specified in regulation 12.
 - (e) **The name and address**, as specified in regulation 13.
 - (f) **The country of origin**, as specified in regulation 14.
 - (g) **Traceability and batch identification**, as specified in regulation 15.
- (3) (a) The particulars referred to in subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) above shall be marked on each outer container in which more than one container of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing is packed.
- (b) The marking requirements prescribed in paragraph (a) above need not to be complied with if --
- (i) a transparent outer container is used and the particulars on the containers packed therein are visible from the outside; and
 - (ii) the same label which is affixed to the containers is also affixed to the outer container.

(4) A Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing packed in a container of 10ml or less shall be provided with a label indicating the particulars referred to in subregulations 2(a), (e) and (g) in a minimum letter size of 1mm (applicable to smallest letters or figures in the indication): Provided that it is packed in an outer container that is marked with all the applicable particulars in the prescribed manner and size as required in subregulation (3).

Indication of the class designation

9. (1) The class designation of a Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing shall be the applicable class designation specified in regulation 4: Provided that --

- (a) the word "Vinaigrette" may be used as a synonym for "Salad Dressing": Provided further that the acidifying agent is vinegar;
- (b) the word "Dressing" may be used as a synonym for "Salad Dressing";
- (c) the word "Aioli" may be used as a synonym for the class designation "Mayonnaise" to describe a Mayonnaise with garlic included as part of the flavour profile, for example "Chilli Aioli", "Reduced Oil Aioli": Provided that the composition still complies with that prescribed in regulations 5(1) and (2); and

- (d) the words comprising the class designation may not be abbreviated, such as “Mayo”.

(2) The class designation and additions to the class designation, when forming part of the class designation, may be marked in altered word sequence: Provided that the altered word sequence does not constitute a misrepresentation, or does not directly or by implication create a misleading impression regarding the quality, nature, origin, class or composition of the Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing concerned.

Additions to the class designation

10. (1) The following information shall, where applicable, form part of the class designation:

Added flavouring

- (a) When a flavouring has been added to Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing to render a distinctive flavour thereto, the applicable class designation shall either be preceded by the expression “X Flavoured”, or followed by the expression “with X Flavour” or “with X Flavouring” or any other wording having a similar meaning, where the expression “X” indicates the name(s) of the flavouring(s) used.

Powdered, dehydrated and concentrated

- (b) When a product is presented for sale in the powdered, dehydrated or concentrated state or as a premix where water, vinegar, vegetable oil, etc. must be added to reconstitute the product, the expression “powdered”, “concentrate”, “premix” or any other wording having a similar meaning shall form part of the applicable class designation: Provided that the composition, when reconstituted, shall comply with that prescribed for Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing as specified in regulation 5.

Addition of other foodstuffs

- (c) When other foodstuffs have been intentionally added to a product to render a distinctive flavour or texture thereto, the applicable class designation shall be preceded by the expression “X” or followed by the expression “with X”, or any other wording having a similar meaning, where the expression “X” indicates the name(s) of the kind(s) of foodstuffs used: Provided that 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.

Added spice(s) and seasoning

- (d) When spice(s) or seasoning have been added to Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing to render a distinctive flavour thereto, the applicable class designation shall be preceded by the expression “X” or followed by the expression “with X” or any other wording having a similar meaning, where the expression “X” indicates the name(s) of the seasoning or spice(s) used.

Additional particulars on the main panel

11. (1) The following information may, where applicable and subject to the requirements of regulation 10, be duplicated/indicated on the container and/or form part of the class designation:

Description of the product

- (a) The word “salad” in the class designation of Salad Dressing may be omitted or substituted by a descriptive name, such as --
- (i) the intended use, e.g. “Greek Dressing”, “Italian Reduced Oil Dressing”; or

- (ii) the flavour, e.g. "Garlic Dressing", "Reduced Oil Chilli and Pepper Dressing", "Three Islands Dressing".
- (b) The class designations may include descriptive indications, such as --
 - (i) the intended use, e.g. "Chip and Salad Mayonnaise", "Reduced Oil Burger Mayonnaise";
 - (ii) the rheological properties, e.g. "Creamy and Tangy Mayonnaise", "Thick Mayonnaise";
 - (iii) highlighting of a specific ingredient, e.g. "Olive Oil Salad Dressing", "Olive and Canola Mayonnaise", "Hot Chili Salad Dressing"; and
 - (iv) highlighting the presence of an animal product such as dairy, e.g. "Blue Cheese Salad Dressing", or "Mayonnaise with cream": Provided that the fat content of the added animal product(s) shall be in addition to the prescribed edible vegetable oil content in regulation 5 and not in replacement thereof.

Additional particulars on containers

Vegetable oil type and content

12 (1) The type/s of vegetable oil, together with the vegetable oil content (percent) for each type of oil and/or the total vegetable oil content (percent), shall be indicated on the container.

Dilution ratio for powdered/dehydrated/concentrated/premix products

(2) The dilution ratio with water or any other liquid/foodstuff in the case where products need to be reconstituted or diluted before consumption, shall be indicated on each container: Provided that --

- (a) the dilution ratio shall indicate clearly the amount of the product and the amount of the water, vinegar, vegetable oil, etc to be used for reconstitution;
- (b) mixing instructions may also serve as dilution ratio; and
- (c) illustrations of how the product shall be diluted may be used in addition to the indicated dilution ratio/mixing instructions.

Indicating the name and address

13. (1) The name and address of the manufacturer, packer, importer, seller or person or entity on whose behalf the product has been packed shall be indicated on each container: Provided that the name and address shall be accompanied by applicable wording such as "manufactured by/for ", "imported by/for" or "sold by": Provided that in the case of imported products, a South African address for the importer, seller or entity on whose behalf the Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing have been packed shall be indicated on each container.

Country of origin

14. (1) The country of origin shall be indicated as follows on each container:
- (a) "Product of (name of country)" if all the main ingredients, processing and labour used to make the product are from one specific country; or
 - (b) "Produced in (name of country)", "Processed in (name of country)", "Manufactured in (name of country)", "Made in (name of country)", or words having a similar meaning, when the product is processed in a second country which changes its nature.
- (2) The words "Packed in (name of country)" may be used in addition to the requirements prescribed

in subregulation (1) above.

(3) The name(s) of the country(ies) indicated in terms of subregulations (1) and (2) above may not be abbreviated.

Traceability and batch identification

15. (1) Each container containing Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing shall be clearly marked with a batch code in such a way that the specific batch is easily identifiable and traceable.

(2) Date marking indications such as “best before”, “use by” and “sell by” or any other suitable indications may serve as the batch code referred to in subregulation (1).

(3) If the products are packed in an outer container which will during normal usage be discarded by the consumer, the batch code shall appear on each container that will be retained by the consumer until consumption.

Restricted particulars on containers and outer containers

Class designation

16. (1) (a) No class designation other than the applicable class designation shall be marked on a container or outer container: Provided that the names of other classes of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing from the same manufacturer, indicated for the sole purpose of promotion and/or comparative claims shall be allowed on the front panel (comparative claims only) side panel or back panel of a container and promotions shall be accompanied by wording such as but not limited to for example “also try these products in our range”.
- (b) No word or expression which so nearly resembles the class designation of a product that it could be misleading with regard to the composition shall be marked on the container or outer container.

Depictions and illustrations

- (2) (a) In the case of transparent containers depictions/illustrations of the intended use (e.g. salad) shall be allowed without the necessity of indicating the actual product on the container.
- (b) Where the depictions/illustrations on the container represent the flavour of the product it shall be construed in such a manner not to be confused with the intended use of the products (i.e. salads).

Misleading words, marks, depictions, etc.

- (3) (a) No word, mark, depiction, illustration, or any other method of expression that constitutes a misrepresentation, or directly or by implication creates or may create a misleading impression regarding the quality, nature, class, origin or composition of a Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing shall be marked on a container or outer container containing such product.
- (b) Products not intended to be used with and on salads and those not intended to be used in the place of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing shall not be labelled with words such as “salad”, “mayonnaise”, “dressing” or by words implying these words such as “mayo” and “naise”, but be presented as totally different products such as “sauce”, “dip”, “condiment”, etc.
- (c) The words “Mayo” and “Reduced Oil Mayo” may be used on the containers of Mayonnaise and Reduced Oil Mayonnaise respectively: Provided that the full class designations also appear on the containers.

Claims

(4) No claim regarding the absence of any substance that does not normally occur in Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing shall be marked on the container or outer container thereof, except in cases where it is allowed for in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972).

(5) Words such as "reduced", "less than", "fewer", "light" and "lite", or words having a similar meaning which compares the total fat or energy value, shall only be made on the containers containing the classes Reduced Oil Mayonnaise, Reduced Oil Salad Cream and Reduced Oil Salad Dressing, unless the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) The words such as "reduced", "less than", "fewer", "light" and "lite", or words having a similar meaning, shall be indicated additionally and separately from the prescribed class designations Reduced Oil Mayonnaise, Reduced Oil Salad Cream and Reduced Oil Salad Dressing.
- (b) Every container of Reduced Oil Mayonnaise and Reduced Oil Salad Cream (excluding Reduced Oil salad Dressing) shall be marked with a statement of the amount of difference in the total fat or energy value expressed as a percentage compared with a mayonnaise and salad cream of the same brand, trade name or manufacturer, as the case may be: Provided that the comparison shall be based on a relative difference of at least 25% in the fat or energy value content of an equivalent mass or volume.
- (c) Each container shall be marked with the prescribed nutritional information declaration required in terms of the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972).

(6) No claim which compares the saturated fat, cholesterol, sugars, sodium or salt value of the Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing products by using words such as "reduced", "less than", "fewer", "light" and "lite", or words having a similar meaning, shall be made on the container containing these classes of products unless the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) The product shall be compared with a different version of the specific Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing variants of the same brand, trade name or manufacturer within the same class, as the case may be.
- (b) The product being compared shall be clearly marked on every container with the following information:
 - (i) A statement of the amount of difference in the relevant nutrient content, expressed as a percentage.
 - (ii) The identity of the product(s) to which it is being compared in close proximity to or as part of the comparative claim.
- (c) The comparison shall be based on a relative difference of at least 25% in the nutrient content of an equivalent mass or volume: Provided that the necessary proof (e.g. analysis report, etc.) shall be provided by the manufacturer or packer on request of the inspector.
- (d) Each container shall be marked with the prescribed nutritional information declaration required in terms of the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972).

Notice boards and advertisements

- (7) The provisions of this regulation shall also apply to --
- (a) particulars that are marked on a notice board displayed at or in the immediate vicinity of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing that are kept or displayed for sale; and
 - (b) all advertisements for Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing.

**PART V
SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS****Sampling and analysis of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing****Sampling**

17. (1) For the purpose of inspection and sampling for quality control –
- (a) an inspector shall take such samples of a product, material, substance or other article in question as he or she may deem necessary; and
 - (b) samples of Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing for quality control may be obtained from the trade or directly from the factory or warehouse where such products are stored.

Verification of composition and authenticity (analyses)

- (2) (a) Mayonnaise, Salad Cream, Salad Dressing and Salad Oil Dressing shall be subject to analysis for composition and authenticity where applicable, and at the discretion of the Executive Officer.
- (b) The methods of analysis as provided for in the latest version of the Codex Alimentarius Commission's document entitled: *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling, CODEX STAN 234-1999*, or any other internationally recognised and acceptable reference methods and procedures shall be used when verifying a sample's composition and authenticity.
- (c) Analysis as required in paragraph (a) above shall be conducted by an officially recognised laboratory of the choice of the manufacturer, packer, importer, seller or person or entity on whose behalf the product has been packed.
- (d) The following fees shall be payable by the manufacturer, packer, importer, seller or person or entity on whose behalf the product has been packed, whose details are declared as per regulation 13:
- (i) The laboratory analysis fee when samples are analysed to confirm compliance.
 - (ii) The courier (transport) fee when samples are dispatched to the laboratory.

**PART VI
OFFENCES AND PENALTIES****Offences and penalties**

18. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction be liable to a fine or imprisonment in accordance with section 11 of the Act.

**PART VII
COMMENCEMENT AND REPEAL**

19. (1) These regulations shall come into operation 12 months after the date of publication.
- (2) The regulations published by Government Notice No. R. 636 of 30 June 2000 are hereby repealed from the commencement of these regulations.

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