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GUIDELINE: INDICATION OF THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN DRY BEANS PACKED FOR SALE IN RETAIL QUANTITIES

"Regulation 11(1)(a)(iii) under the Marking Requirements of the Regulations relating to the Grading, Packing and Marking of dry beans intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa No.R112 of 14th February 2014 prescribes as follows;

"the expression "Product of" followed by the full name of the country of origin thereof or the country of origin declared as required by regulations published in terms of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act 54 of 1972): Provided that this information may be placed in any conspicuous place on the container".

Notwithstanding the requirements prescribed in terms of the Regulations relating to the Labeling and Advertising of Foodstuffs, Notice R146 of 01 March 2010 as amended by R1091 of 19 November 2010. It shall be deemed compliant to Regulation 11(1)(a)(iii) of the Dry beans Regulations whereby the country(ies) of origin are indicated in any of the following combination(s):

- (a) Country A and Country B;
- (b) Country X or Country Y;
- (c) Country P and/or Country Q (this may be extended to include 3 or more countries);
- (d) Country A or Country K and Country E.

NB: The Packer shall ensure that there is adequate traceability in place, the country(ies)of origin indication is true and not mislead the consumer."

Should there be further questions, you are welcome to contact this office.

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