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## Notice submission deadlines

Government Printing Works has over the last few months implemented rules for completing and submitting the electronic Adobe Forms when you, the customer, submit your notice request.

In line with these business rules, GPW has revised the notice submission deadlines for all gazettes. Please refer to the GPW website [www.gpwonline.co.za](http://www.gpwonline.co.za) to familiarise yourself with the new deadlines.

### CANCELLATIONS

Don't forget!

Cancellation of notice submissions are accepted by GPW according to the deadlines stated in the table above.

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.**

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

take note!

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

### 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.

### PROOF OF PAYMENTS



GPW reminds you that all notice submissions **MUST** be submitted with an accompanying proof of payment (PoP) or purchase order (PO). If any PoP's or PO's are received without a notice submission, it will be failed and your notice will not be processed.

When submitting your notice request to [submit.egazette@gpw.gov.za](mailto:submit.egazette@gpw.gov.za), please ensure that a purchase order (GPW Account customer) or proof of payment (non-GPW Account customer) is included with your notice submission. All documentation relating to the notice submission must be in a single email.

A reminder that documents must be attached separately in your email to GPW. (In other words, your email should have an Adobe Form plus proof of payment/purchase order – 2 separate attachments – where notice content is applicable, it should also be a 3rd separate attachment).

### REMINDER OF THE GPW BUSINESS RULES

- Single notice, single email – with proof of payment or purchase order.
- All documents must be attached separately in your email to GPW.
- 1 notice = 1 form, i.e. each notice must be on a separate form
- Please submit your notice **ONLY ONCE**.
- Requests for information, quotations and inquiries must be sent to the Contact Centre **ONLY**.
- The notice information that you send us on the form is what we publish. Please do not put any instructions in the email body.



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## GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

NO. R. 440

15 APRIL 2016

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

REGULATIONS REGARDING THE GRADING, PACKING AND MARKING OF EGGS DESTINED FOR  
SALE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA: AMENDMENT

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, acting under section 15 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No.119 of 1990), made the regulations in the Schedule.

## SCHEDULE

**Definition**

1. In this Schedule "**the Regulations**" means the regulations published by Government Notice No. R. 725 of 16 September 2011.

**Amendment of regulation 1 of the Regulations**

2. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by --

- (a) the insertion, after the definition of "bubbly air cell", of the following definition:

"**cage eggs**" means eggs which are produced by poultry that are kept in cages throughout their laying period;"; and

- (b) the insertion, after the definition of "mould", of the following definition:

"**organic**" means eggs which are produced and handled in compliance with organic standards and certified by an accredited certification body or authority;".

**Amendment of regulation 9 of the Regulations**

3. Regulation 9 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the --

- (a) substitution for paragraph (1) (b) of the following paragraph:

"(b) The expression "eggs" or "eiers" shall appear on the front or top panel: Provided that only the following information may precede or follow the expression "eggs" or "eiers" in letters of the same size, font and colour:

- (i) The specific production methods, namely "cage" or "hok", "barn" or "skuur", "free range" or "vryloop", or "organic" or "organiese": Provided further that the production method indicated shall at least comply with the applicable requirements in regulation 11 (2), or in the case of "organic" with the definition in regulation 1.
- (ii) The particulars referred to in paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (f).

- (iii) Registered trademarks which include any reference related to a particular feed ingredient such as but not limited to "grain fed", "canola", etc. and which has been registered for use on eggs and/or allowed for on eggs prior to the date of publication of this amendment: Provided that such registered trademarks shall also comply with the requirements stipulated in paragraph (h).
  - (iv) Registered trademarks or brand names which include the name of a farm, name/surname of the owner/packer/producer, the name of the registered company or closed corporation, or any other names which does not make any health or nutrition claims and which has been registered for use on eggs and/or allowed for on eggs prior to the date of publication of this amendment."
- (b) substitution for paragraph (1) (h) of the following paragraph:
- "(h) (i) Other descriptions, statements, expressions, markings or claims which implies a message of eggs being healthy or healthier, additive-free, or energy and/or nutritionally enhanced or improved by any method, including agricultural practices, shall comply with the requirements of the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972).
  - (ii) The producer, packer or retailer shall upon request provide the Executive Officer with the necessary scientific based evidence justifying the use of these claims."

#### ***Amendment of regulation 11 of the Regulations***

4. Regulation 11 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the –

- (a) substitution of paragraph (1) (a) of the following paragraph:
- "(a) No registered trademark, brand name, mark or other method of expression using the following wording shall be indicated on a container or outer container containing eggs:
    - (i) "Super", "extra" and "ekstra", except when used as an indication of the size designation of the eggs;
    - (ii) A message of veterinary medicine-free or which indicates the more humane treatment or rearing of poultry or which creates an impression that the eggs are safer or that poultry was fed a special diet such as, but not limited to, "antibiotic free", "fed a diet free of hormones", "cage free", "furnished cage", "safe", "pure", "grass fed", "pasture fed", "forage fed", "canola fed", "grain fed", "mixed grain", etc.; and
    - (iii) Any other wording not addressed in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above that constitutes a misrepresentation or either directly or by implication creates or may create a misleading impression regarding the contents, quality, origin, grade, size group, production method or diet;"
- (b) deletion of the word "and" at the end of paragraph (1) (c);

- (c) substitution of paragraph (1) (d) of the following paragraph:
  - “(d) No illustration, depiction, logo or other method of visual expression that constitutes a misrepresentation or either directly or by implication creates or may create a misleading impression regarding the contents, quality, origin, grade, size group, production method or diet shall be indicated on a container or outer container containing eggs; and”;
- (d) insertion of the following paragraphs after paragraph (1) (d):
  - “(e) Only production methods addressed and defined in these regulations shall be permitted on any container or outer container containing eggs.”.
- (e) insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (2) (b):
  - “(c) Eggs shall only be marked with the expression “cage eggs” or “hok eiers” if such eggs were obtained from poultry that are kept in cages throughout their laying period: Provided that --
    - (i) cages shall be within a shed and may include a nest box, a perch and a dust bath; and
    - (ii) birds have enough space to feed and lay.”; and
- (f) renumbering of paragraph (2) (c) to “(d)”.

***Amendment of regulation 19 of the Regulations***

5. Regulation 19 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution of paragraph (c) of the following paragraph:

- “(c) The minimum production method requirements prescribed in these regulations for “cage eggs”, “free range” and “barn eggs” shall only be applicable until the regulations for management control systems addressing these production methods have been promulgated.”.

***COMMENCEMENT***

6. These amendments shall come into operation 12 months after the date of publication.

# **WARNING!!!**

## **To all suppliers and potential suppliers of goods to the Government Printing Works**

The Government Printing Works would like to warn members of the public against an organised syndicate(s) scamming unsuspecting members of the public and claiming to act on behalf of the Government Printing Works.

One of the ways in which the syndicate operates is by requesting quotations for various goods and services on a quotation form with the logo of the Government Printing Works. Once the official order is placed the syndicate requesting upfront payment before delivery will take place. Once the upfront payment is done the syndicate do not deliver the goods and service provider then expect payment from Government Printing Works.

Government Printing Works condemns such illegal activities and encourages service providers to confirm the legitimacy of purchase orders with GPW SCM, prior to processing and delivery of goods.

To confirm the legitimacy of purchase orders, please contact:

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