

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE



FINAL MANDATE: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS AMENDMENT BILL (B15B -2021)

(Section 76 Bills)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform, Rural Development, Environment & Conservation, Hon G van Staden, tables the Committee's report on the *Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B15B-2021]* as adopted by the Portfolio Committee on **02 November 2023**

2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

- 2.1 The Speaker of the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature referred the *Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B15B-2021]* to the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform, Rural Development, Environment & Conservation on **26 July 2023**.
- 2.2 The Portfolio Committee received a briefing on **11 September 2023**, from the Northern Cape's Permanent delegate to the NCOP, Hon Mmabatho Mokaue. Mr. Smith, Snr official from the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment made a presentation on the Bill.
- 2.3 Public Hearing were conducted on the **15 September 2023** in Kimberley. Both written and oral submissions were called for during these hearings. The public engaged with the Members of the Provincial Legislature in respect of the Bill
- 2.4 On **18 September 2023**, the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform, Rural Development, Environment & Conservation deliberated and considered the negotiating mandate of the *Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B15B-2021]*
- 2.5 On the **07 September 2022**, the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform, Rural Development, Environment & Conservation deliberated and considered the final mandate of the *Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B15B-2021]*

3. STAKEHOLDERS' INPUTS ON THE BILL

3.1. Public Hearing

- After the presentation, no inputs were received from the invited public participants on the Bill/

3.2. Written Submission

- No written submissions received

4. COMMITTEE INPUTS ON THE BILL

After due deliberation, the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform, rural Development, Environment and Nature Conservation supports the Bill

5. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE POSITION AT THE NEGOTIATING STAGE

The Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform, Rural Development, Environment & Conservation met on the **18 September 2023** to vote in support of the Bill with inputs made.

6. COMMITTEE POSITION AFTER CONSIDERATION OF NEGOTIATING MANDATE BY THE NCOP SELECT COMMITTEE

The Portfolio Committee's position on the Final Mandate is that the Northern Cape support the *Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B15B-2021]*

7. FINAL VOTING MANDATE

In terms of Section 65 of the Constitution, the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform, Rural Development, Environment & Conservation recommends that the House confer authority on the Head of its Delegation to the NCOP, to vote in support of the *Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B15B-2021]*



Hon G van Staden
Chairperson

Date: 02 NOVEMBER 2023