

MINISTRY

AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 465 / NW1457E**

**Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to her reply to question 251 on 18 July 2019, what (a) is the name of each assignee designated in terms of section 2(3)(a) of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, Act 119 of 1990 and (b) are the relevant details of the process followed to designate each assignee to conduct inspection on regulated agricultural products destined for (i) export and (ii) sale locally?**NW1457E**

**REPLY:**

**(a) Names and details of assignees designated by the Honourable Minister in terms of section 2(3) of the Agricultural Product Standards Act No. 119 of 1990 (“the APS Act”)**

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| **Assignee designated for inspection on all regulated products destined for export** |
| **Name** | **Date of designation**  | **Products covered for inspection** |
| Perishable Product Export Control Board (PPECB) | 23 August 1991 | Fresh fruits and vegetables, agronomy, animal and processed products intended for export  |
| **Assignees designated for local inspections** |
| **Name** | **Date of designation** | **Products covered for inspection** |
| South African Meat Industry Company (SAMIC) | 30 January 1998 | Classification and marking of meat intended for sale in South Africa |
| Product Control for Agriculture (PROKON) | 18 March 1994 | Potatoes intended for sale in South Africa |
| 17 May 2016 | Fresh fruits and vegetables intended for sale in South Africa |
| Impumelelo Agribusiness Solutions | 09 December 2016 | Processed products and canned processed products intended for sale in South Africa |
| Nejahmogul Technologies and Agric Services  | 09 December 2016 | Dairy and dairy imitation products as well as edible ices intended for sale in South Africa |
| Agency for Food Safety | 09 December 2016 | Animal products (poultry and eggs) intended for sale in South Africa |
| Leaf Services  | 17 May 2016 | Grains and grain products intended for sale in South Africa |

**(b) Designation of assignees**

The process that is followed in terms of designation of the assignees is set out in section 2(3) of the APS Act. For purposes of transparency and competitive selection process, an invitation for prospective assignees accompanied by selection criteria, with respect to 2016 designation was publicized in the Government Gazette and national newspapers.