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To: All role players in the dairy products and imitation dairy products industry

APPLICATION OF THE REGULATIONS RELATION TO DAIRY PRODUCTS AND IMITATION DAIRY PRODUCTS

The new regulations relating to dairy products and imitation dairy products (No. R.1510) published in the Government Gazette on 22 November 2019 will come into effect within 9 months from the date of publication, i.e. on **22 August 2020**.

To ensure a smooth transition between the existing regulation R.260 dated 27 March 2015 and the newly published regulation R.1510 dated 22 November 2019, the following measures shall apply:

- (a) Until 21 August 2020, inspectors responsible for enforcing the regulations will continue with the issuing of directions and/or seizures for dairy products and imitation dairy products which contravene the provisions of regulation R.260 dated 27 March 2015.
- (b) Labels and packaging, as well as products which have already been aligned, or are going to be aligned during the transition period, with the marking requirements and/or compositional requirements prescribed in the new regulation R.1510 dated 22 November 2019 will not be acted against. However, stakeholders shall always ensure that any such changes introduced are fully aligned with the new regulations, and that inspectors are made aware of this when presenting labels for evaluation, or when samples are drawn for analysis.

Stakeholders are urged to apply the new regulation R.1510 dated 22 November 2019 during the 9 month transition period to ensure that all their products are fully aligned and compliant by 22 August 2020.

You are welcome to contact this office should you have any further questions.

Regards,

EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
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