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DISPENSATION: PERMISSION TO USE NATURAL AND NATURE IDENTICAL FLAVOURINGS IN UNSWEETENED AND SWEETENED FRUIT JUICES

1. Background

The dispensation previously issued by this Department on 5 October 2005 has reference (please see copy attached).

The new labelling and advertising of foodstuffs regulations (R.146 of 1 March 2010) published by the Department of Health come into operation on 1 March 2012, and in terms of these regulations manufacturers/packers are not required to specify in the ingredients list whether the flavourings used are natural, synthetic, artificial or nature identical anymore.

2. Dispensation

In view of the afore-mentioned, the dispensation granted on 5 October 2005 is hereby revoked and replaced with the following:

Permission is hereby granted by the Executive Officer: Agricultural Product Standards in terms of section 3(1)(c) of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), to the fruit juice and drink industry to also make use of natural flavourings (originating from the fruit concerned as well as from other natural sources) and nature identical flavourings in the classes Unsweetened Fruit Juice, Blended Unsweetened Fruit Juice, Sweetened Fruit Juice and Blended Sweetened Fruit Juice: Provided that the presence of these flavourings be indicated in the ingredients list in accordance with the requirements of Regulation R.146 of the Department of Health.

This permission is subject to the following conditions:

(a) All other conditions of the relevant regulations shall be complied with.
(b) It may be withdrawn at any time should a valid complaint be received.
(c) The fruit juice and drink industry indemnify this Directorate and this Department from any detrimental effect, financially or otherwise, which may emanate as a result of this permission.
(d) Termination date: When the amendment of the relevant regulations is published in the Government Gazette.

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS ACT, 1990 (ACT 119 OF 1990)

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Re:

DISPENSATION: PERMISSION TO USE NATURAL AND NATURE IDENTICAL FLAVOURANTS IN UNSWEETENED AND SWEETENED FRUIT JUICES

The Fruit Juice and Drink Regulations (No. R.286 of 7 November 1980, as amended) currently only permits the use of natural fruit essence (aroma) of the fruit concerned in the classes Unsweetened Fruit Juice, Sweetened Fruit Juice and blended products thereof. This Directorate is of the opinion that this requirement is unnecessarily restrictive since these essences/aromas are in many instances too expensive, do not provide optimum product taste, have a short shelf-life and are often not locally available or in some cases not available at all.

In view of the afore-mentioned and taking into consideration what is already taking place in practice, permission is hereby granted by the Executive Officer: Agricultural Product Standards in terms of section 3(1)(c) of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), to the fruit juice and drink industry to also use natural flavourants (originating from the fruit concerned as well as from other natural sources) and nature identical flavourants in the classes Unsweetened Fruit Juice, Sweetened Fruit Juice, Blended Unsweetened Fruit Juice and Blended Sweetened Fruit Juice: Provided that the presence of these flavourants be specified in the ingredients list and well as follows: "Natural Flavourant"/"Natural Flavourants" or "Nature Identical Flavourant"/"Nature Identical Flavourants", as the case may be.

This permission is subject to the following conditions:

(a) All other conditions of the relevant regulations shall be complied with.
(b) It may be withdrawn at any time should a valid complaint be received.
(c) The fruit juice and drink industry indemnify the Directorate and the Department from any detrimental effect, financially or otherwise, which may emanate as a result of this permission.

(d) Termination date: When the amendment of the relevant regulations is published in the Government Gazette.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
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