

SUMMARY OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE ASSIGNEES IN TERMS OF SECTION 4(1) OF THE MEAT SAFETY ACT, 2000 (ACT NO. 40 OF 2000)

1. Attributes of an assignee (Integrity, Independence, and Confidentiality): *Section 7.2*

The assignee, their personnel or any person deemed to be employed by the assignee shall:

- i. not have direct or indirect interest in the abattoir(s) it is to provide service at;
- ii. ensure that all its rendered services are undertaken impartially; and
- iii. ensure confidentiality of information obtained in the course of its activities.

2. Organisation and Management *Section 7.3:*

The assignee shall:

- i. have an organizational structure that will enable it to maintain the capability to perform its functions effectively,
- ii. system to ensure effective supervision by a registered Veterinarian familiar with the inspection methods and procedures,
- iii. documented systems and procedures.

3. Personnel: *Section 7.4*

The assignee shall have a sufficient number of personnel:

- i. with knowledge of the Meat Safety Act and applicable regulations, appropriate qualifications and experience,
- ii. competent to provide a comprehensive meat inspection service for a particular category of abattoirs as assigned.

4. Facilities and Equipment: *Section 7.5*

The assignee shall have access to adequate, suitable facilities and equipment required for rendering its service.

5. Inspection Methods and Procedures: *Section 7.6*

The assignee shall use methods and procedures prescribed in the applicable regulations in exercising its function.

6. Handling inspection samples and items: *Section 7.7*

The assignee shall have documented procedures and appropriate facilities for handling samples.

7. Records: *Section 7.8*

The assignee shall maintain a record keeping system to suit the meat inspection service it is rendering, in compliance with all relevant statutes, regulations and ensure the confidentiality of its clients.

8. Complaints and Appeals: *Section 7.9*

The assignee shall have documented procedures for dealing with and maintain records for complaints and appeals

9. Lines of communication: *Section 7.10*

The assignee shall ensure that all official communication between it and the NEO or PEO is in writing.

10. Reporting: *Section 7.11*

The assignee shall report as required by the PEO

11. Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment: *Section 7.1*

The assignee shall comply with the requirements as specified in the AgriBEE Sector Code in terms of Section 9 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003, as amended.