

NOTICE: INSPECTION FEES

Following thorough consultation, and approval of the Executive Officer of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development appointed in terms of the Agricultural Product Standards Act No. 119 of 1990, the assignee, Product Control for Agriculture (hereinafter "PROKON"), designated in terms of section 2(3) of the said act hereby imposes inspection fees in terms of section 3(1A) ((a)(ii). The said inspection fees which are categorised into (1) shared (general) regulations and (2) own (individual) regulations, shall be applicable to fresh fruits and vegetables, excluding potatoes, destined for sale in the Republic of South Africa.

The inspection fees for the categorised products are set out in Table 1 herein below:

Table 1

| Shared (general) regulations | Inspection fee * |
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| Asparagus, Baby Marrow (Courgette), Aubergines / Eggplant, Cucumber, Ginger, Mushrooms, Artichokes, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Butternut, Gem Squash, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Chillies, Chinese Cabbage, Endives, Fennel, Green Beans, Green Onions, Green Peas, Horseradish, Leeks, Lettuce, Okra, Parsley, Parsnips, Peppers / Capsicums, Pumpkins, Radish, Rhubarb, Scorzonera, Spinach, Sweetcorn, Turnips, Witloof Chicory, Beetroot, Cabbages, Sweet Potatoes, Black Berries, Blue Berries, Cactus Pear, Dragon fruit, Cranberries, Figs, Gooseberries, Granadilla, Guava, Jack fruit, Kiwi fruit, Mango, Melons, Papayas, Persimmons, Pomegranates, Quinces, Raspberries, Star Fruit, Strawberries, Watermelons, and Unspecified vegetables. | 1c/kg |
| Own (individual) regulations | Inspection fee * |
| Apples, Apricots, Avocados, Bananas, Citrus Fruit, Garlic, Grapes, Litchis, Peaches and Nectarines, Pears, Pineapples, Plums and Prunes, Onions and Shallots, and Tomatoes. | 1,5c/kg |

*The inspection fees are based on weight to ensure objectivity, consistency, fairness, reasonableness, and equity. For the sake of clarity, inspection fees will be charged for the consignment of product inspected per kilogram. For example, if 100 kg of product makes up a consignment of tomatoes R1.50 will be the inspection fee charged for that consignment.

The inspection fees by weight have been benchmarked with other inspection agencies conducting similar activities to PROKON.

The difference in inspection fees (1c/kg versus 1,5c/kg) on categorised products is substantiated by the extent of resources (labour, finances, etc.) allocated for conducting inspection activities as set out in Table 2 herein below.

Table 2

| Own (individual) regulations | Shared (general) regulation |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirming marking requirements. • External and internal quality • Sizing • Overall appearance • Sugar content • Ripeness and maturity testing on avocado • Dry matter testing on avocados, if necessary • Determining whether product has seeds or is seedless | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirming marking requirements • External and internal quality • Sizing • Overall appearance |

Frequency of inspections

A maximum of two inspections per product per week shall be conducted by PROKON. However, if non-conformances are found during inspections in respect of the product or a particular owner, PROKON reserves the right to increase the inspection frequency.

Further details

Full details relating to the calculation of the aforesaid fees and reasons for the differential in inspection fees have been previously provided in the methodology document which was made available to stakeholders, is available on Prokon's website (www.prokonsa.co.za) as well as hard copies at the company's offices. It was also published under Notice No. 46032 in Government Gazette No. 877 of 2022. The inspection fees exclude value added tax (VAT).

The inspection fees shall come into effect seven calendar days after this publication.