

Thursday 06 November 2008

DAY 2

Chair—Mr Luvuyo Mabombo, Chief Executive, PPECB

Session 2—Experience and lessons learned

- 08:30–09:30
- ❖ Experiences on adjustment to private standards in key export markets: an East African perspective—Dr Musa K. Muwanga
Chief Executive Officer, National Organic Agricultural Movement of Uganda (NOGAMU)
 - ❖ The practicalities/challenges of implementing conforming with both official national standards and private standards: A farmer's perspective—Ms Ntombi Msimang
 - ❖ Selected donor responses to the issue of private standards—Ms N. Tregurtha,
Programme Manager, ComMark Trust—Regional Standards Programme

09:30–10:00 PANEL DISCUSSION

10:00–10:30 *Tea break*

10:30–13:00 Country presentations—"Private standards—a country perspective"

- ❖ Angola
- ❖ Botswana
- ❖ Lesotho
- ❖ Madagascar
- ❖ Malawi
- ❖ Mozambique
- ❖ Namibia
- ❖ Seychelles
- ❖ South Africa
- ❖ Zambia
- ❖ Zimbabwe

13:00–14:00 *Lunch break*

Session 3—The way forward

14:00–15:30 Group work

- 15:30–16:15
- ❖ Report back by the groups
 - ❖ Wrap-up summary—Chairperson

16:15–16:30 Closing remarks/Way forward—Dr O. Chinyamakobvu

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Over the past 20 years or more an increasing trend towards the concentration and globalisation of the food retail sector has become apparent. The occurrence of several highly publicised food scares and the requirement that producers take responsibility for the safety of their products have created an incentive for the development of private standards, resulting in an increase in the number and type of these standards.

The result is that all exporters to these markets are currently required to comply with a plethora of official import requirements as well as private standards.

Given the importance of agriculture to poverty reduction in the Southern African region and in order to give meaning to the 'voice' of Southern Africa in this debate, it would appear that there is a need for the issue of private agrifood standards to be discussed at the national and regional level.

In order to address a subject to which there are no easy answers, a workshop, that brings together officials from the public sector involved in the SPS area as well as those from the national standard-setting bodies, retailers and agriculture is due to be held on the 5th and 6th of November in Pretoria at the St George Hotel.

It is envisaged that presentations and debates that will assist governments, standard-setters and the private sector to make informed policy and business decisions will be major elements of the workshop.

The intention is to bring together implementers, regulators and industry and to give the participants sufficient opportunity to discuss, offer feedback so that at the conclusion of the workshop:

- There is some understanding of the nature and scope of private standards.
- The differences (if any) between the processes by which private and official standards are set come to the fore.
- The certification requirements for private standards, the role of accreditation bodies in the region and the implications for producers could be clarified.
- Costs/benefits/challenges—experiences of producers are highlighted.
- The WTO/SPS Agreement and its legal obligations are understood.
- There is an understanding of the current debates at the International Standard-setting Bodies and the WTO/SPS Committee on the matter of private standards.
- The challenges facing governments in balancing the two—maintaining official systems and creating an enabling environment for market access/trade—are highlighted.
- Suggestions are made for possible solutions that will enable governments and the private sector to develop a mutual strategy in order to achieve their various objectives.



Information for participants

The workshop will be held at the St George Hotel, Pretoria over 2 days—on the 5th (from 09:00 to 17:00) and the 6th of November 2008 (from 08:30 to 17:00)

Morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch will be provided on both days.

All background papers will be provided in your delegate pack. An overhead projector, PowerPoint projector and flipcharts for the workshop will be provided at the venue, should these be required.

We look forward to your active participation throughout the workshop!

Wednesday 05 November 2008

Facilitator—Dr O. Chinyamakobvu

DAY 1

Chair—Dr Kgabi Mogajane, DDG: Biosecurity and Disaster Management,
Department of Agriculture

08:15–08:45	Registration
09:00–09:45	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Opening remarks—Dr Oswald Chinyamakobvu, SADC SQAM Expert❖ Welcome address—Ms N. Nduli, DG Department of Agriculture or her representative❖ Objectives and expected outcomes—Jennifer Rathebe, ComMark Trust, Regional Standards Programme
Session 1—The private standards debate—setting the scene	
09:45–10:30	An overview of the WTO/SPS Agreement provisions/obligations of member countries—Hilton Zunckel/Rian Geldenhuys, Trade Law Chambers
10:30–11:00	<i>Tea break</i>
11:00–11:45	Private standards: the debate to date in the WTO/SPS Committee and the three ISSBs (Codex, the OIE and the IPPC)—Hilton Zunckel/Rian Geldenhuys, Trade Law Chambers
11:45–12:30	Globalgap Standards—why, who, what, where and how they are set. <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Who pays: recurring and non-recurring costs of compliance❖ The role of accreditation/certification bodies: Dr Elme Coetzer, Manager Standards, Globalgap
12:30–13:00	Q&A: open discussion
13:00–14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00–14:45	International standard: setting at Codex—Mr Delphin M. Kinkese, Chief Policy Analyst, Food Safety and Cosmetics, Ministry of Health, Zambia
14:45–15:30	EU-SADC Food Safety Project—Dr Antoine Nguz
15:30–15:45	<i>Tea break</i>
15:30–16:30	Panel discussion—H. Zunckel, D.M. Kinkese, A. Nguz and Elme Coetzer
16:30–17:00	Wrap up and summary—Dr Kgabi Mogajane