
AFFIRMATION

I, the undersigned

[REDACTED]

do hereby affirm and state that:

1. I am the Information Officer of Shoprite Checkers Proprietary Limited ("**Shoprite**") as contemplated in section 1 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 ("**PAIA**") with my address, for purposes of this affirmation, at Shoprite's principal place of business at [REDACTED]
2. I am also employed by Shoprite as a Chief Legal and Regulatory Officer.
3. The facts contained in this affirmation are within my own personal knowledge and are both true and correct.
4. This affirmation is made pursuant to the provisions of section 55 of the PAIA.
5. In my capacity as Information Officer, I received a request from Animal Law Reform South Africa ("**ALRSA**") dated 4 December 2023 ("**the request**") requesting information pertaining to Shoprite Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries and their roles as key players in the egg supply chain during the period of 1 December 2022 – 30 November 2023.
6. During the period from 15 December 2023 to 12 January 2024, I took all reasonable steps to locate the records as contemplated in section 55 of the PAIA. In this regard, the aforementioned steps included –
 - 6.1. All information with regards to environmental, social and governance related matters lies within our Sustainability Department headed by [REDACTED] (Group Sustainability Manager). The ALRSA request was forwarded to [REDACTED] on 5 December 2023. On 19 December 2023

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a meeting was held between myself, [REDACTED] and members of our Group Compliance as well as Data Management department. Each matter in the ALRSA request was discussed in detail and the information that specifically falls within Shoprite's purview was provided by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

7. Notwithstanding my extensive investigations, it became apparent that some records do not, in fact, exist. These include the following records and/or information as requested by ALRSA –
- 7.1. legal compliance, including any and all enforcement and compliance records pertaining to animal welfare in terms of the listed legislation and regulations set out in the PAIA request of ALRSA;
 - 7.2. any information recording or containing details of inspections by the SAPS,¹ NSPCA² and SPCA³ or any other welfare authority;
 - 7.3. charges laid, and judgements and orders handed down including any criminal or civil proceedings pertaining to animal welfare;
 - 7.4. internal policies relating to animal welfare;
 - 7.5. egg production and supply chain details of its suppliers;
 - 7.6. asset register and stock records;
 - 7.7. membership records relating to the eggs, chicken and poultry industry;
 - 7.8. compliance with association standards and certification records with regards to environmental rights;
 - 7.9. third-party certification records with regards to animal and agricultural industry;

¹ South African Police Service ("**SAPS**").

² National Council of Societies on the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("**NSPCA**").

³ Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("**SPCA**").

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- 7.10. animal welfare commitment statement records;
- 7.11. legal compliance, including any and all enforcement and compliance records pertaining to the environment and agricultural practises in terms of the listed legislation and regulations set out in the PAIA request of ALRSA;
- 7.12. auditing inspection notices in terms of NEMA and SEMA's;
- 7.13. environmental authorisations for NEMA listed activities;
- 7.14. unlawful commencement of listed activities in terms of NEMA;
- 7.15. duty of care and mitigation measures in terms of NEMA;
- 7.16. sourcing of feed for hens in the egg industry;
- 7.17. reporting of the Shoprite Group to advertising standards, regulatory bodies and tribunals, including records related to details of outcomes of any proceedings and records relating to how eggs are labelled.
- 7.18. emergency incidents and activities in terms of NEMA;
- 7.19. Avian Influenza;
- 7.20. cage farming in the egg industry;
- 7.21. energy usage;
- 7.22. water usage;
- 7.23. waste management in NEMWA;
- 7.24. air quality in terms of NEMAQA;
- 7.25. soil quality in terms of NEMWA;

- 7.26. environmental or sustainability commitments;
- 7.27. environmental membership records and
8. In light of what is set out above and as contemplated in section 55 of the PAIA, I declare that –
- 8.1. I have taken all reasonable steps to locate the records;
- 8.2. reasonable grounds exist for believing that the records do not exist as contemplated in section 55(1)(b)(ii) of the PAIA; and
- 8.3. I have given a full account of all steps taken to find records including all communications with every person who conducted a search.
9. In light of the above, I am unable to provide ALRSA with the above records requested.
10. I declare that I know and understands the content of this affirmation and believes it to be true and correct.

