
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 Cnr William Dabbs Street and Old Paarl Road, Brackenfell, 7560, Western Cape.
- 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 PAIA.
- 5 In my capacity as Information Officer, I received a request from Animal Law Reform South Africa ("**ALRSA**") dated 16 November 2022 ("**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 November 2018 - November 2022.
- 6 During the period from 17 November to 12 December 2022, I took all reasonable steps to locate the records as contemplated in section 55 of 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 17 November 2022. On 22 November 2022 a meeting was held [REDACTED]

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 Sanjeev Raghubir.

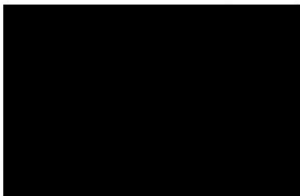
7 Notwithstanding my extensive investigations, it became apparent that some records do not, in fact, exist. These include the following records and/or information as requested by ALRSA -

- 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 and environmental matters;
- 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;
- 7.9 third-party certification records; and
- 7.10 commitment statement records.

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").



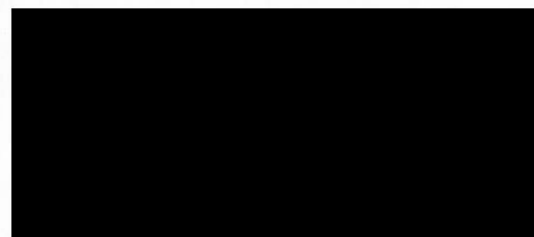
8 In light of what is set out above and as contemplated in section 55 of PAIA, I confirm that -

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 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.



The deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understands the content of this affirmation and believes it to be true and correct.

The provisions of the Regulations contained in Government Notice No. R 1258 dated 1 July 1972 (as amended) and Government Notice No. R 1648 dated 19 August 1977 (as amended) having been complied with.

This affirmation was attested to before me and the deponent's signature was placed thereon in my presence at *Settlement* on this the *3rd* day of *March*, 2023.

