

4 April 2023

ANIMAL LAW REFORM SOUTH AFRICA OUTREACH

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

By E-mail: outreach@animallawreform.org

Dear Sirs,

RE: ANIMAL LAW

We refer to the above matter and to your request for information.

We advise that we have reached out to our national approved poultry suppliers, with regard to your request, and provide the following feedback —

1. all SPAR branded national suppliers are accredited SAPA members (these membership agreements are available from suppliers, and we do not keep file/records thereof);
2. SPAR do supply visits/assessments, which does not include animal welfare practices. We accept that, in large, our suppliers are following due diligence of the SAPA code of conduct, which covers animal welfare in detail;
3. SPAR do, however, require all listed suppliers to conform to the minimum food safety set out by the SPAR Groups sustainability team (BRC, FFSC, FCA and GFSI). We have been informed that the FFSC accreditation does include some portion of animal welfare. SPAR keep records of these documents of every SPAR branded supplier on file;
4. load shedding has put a lot of pressure on our suppliers, but we are confident that our suppliers are taking precautionary measures to ensure the best operating practices are maintained. The documents which we hold are —
 - 4.1 RSPCA Welfare Standards; Laying Eggs 2017;
 - 4.3 RSPCA Welfare Standards: Meat Chickens 2017;
 - 4.4 RSPCA Welfare Standards: Hatcheries Standards, Chicks, Poultry and Ducklings;

4.5 SA Poultry Association Code of Practice: June 2022; and

4.6 Meat Supply Act 40/2000.

