

TIGER BRANDS



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Animal Law Reform South Africa

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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for access to information

We refer to your information request letter dated 21 November 2022 and our subsequent mutual engagements to deal with this request.

For convenience, we retained your original numbering in dealing with each of the requests:

"6. Please see attached our PAIA Form C to request for records. We have completed Form C in order to request access to records relating to **Tiger Brands's role in the egg supply chain for the period of 1 November 2018 to November 2022** (the "**period**"), including, but not limited to:

6.1. **Annual and Sustainability Reports** produced during the period.

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6.2. **Legal Compliance: Any and all enforcement and compliance records** issued during the period, including:

6.2.1. Reports, licenses, permits, warnings, citations, notices, directives, and similar enforcement and compliance records, both internal and external) specifically in relation to compliance and/or non-compliance with animal, environmental, and agricultural legislation (including any amendments, rules, lists, notices, regulations, etc. in terms thereof). This legislation includes, but is not limited to:

6.2.1.1. Regulations Regarding the Grading, Packing and Marking of Eggs Intended for Sale in the Republic of South Africa of 31 May 2019, Notice 289 of 2019;

6.2.1.2. The Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 ("**APA**"), including any warnings/citations, and/or infringements issued in respect of any employees, contractors or personnel in performing their duties;

- 6.2.1.3. The Meat Safety Act 40 of 2000;
- 6.2.1.4. The Animal Identification Act 6 of 2002;
- 6.2.1.5. The Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act 19 of 1982;
- 6.2.1.6. The Animal Diseases Act No.35 of 1984;
- 6.2.1.7. The National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (“**NEMA**”);
- 6.2.1.8. The National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 (“**NEMWA**”);
- 6.2.1.9. The National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004 (“**NEMAQA**”);
- 6.2.1.10. The National Water Act 36 of 1998,

6.2.2. Any information recording or containing details of inspections by the South African Police Service (“**SAPS**”), National Council of Societies on the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (“**NSPCA**”) and any Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (“**SPCA**”), and any other relevant authority of animal welfare.

The Tiger Brands Response in respect of item 6.2:

- 1) The eggs purchased for Culinary and Bakeries (Tinkies) are purchased as “processed” and we do not buy eggs in shell.
- 2) We purchase the processed egg product from various different suppliers.
- 3) We have confirmed that some of the suppliers have received the same information request from ALRSA. – See **Annexure A** to this response letter
- 4) The legislation quoted by ALRSA relate mainly to animals and not specifically to eggs. The legislation quoted are not applicable to Tiger Brands as we are only purchasing processed eggs and not animals or eggs in shell.
- 5) We also do not sell eggs, so the Regulation (6.2.1.1) also does not apply to us.

We accordingly confirm that we have no reports, licences, permits, warnings, etc as requested by ALRSA herein.

6.3. **Charges laid, and judgments and orders handed down**, including in any and all criminal and civil proceedings in which you were cited as a party relating to the aforementioned legislation.

Not Applicable.

6.4. **Internal Policies relating to Animal Welfare and Environmental matters** applied or produced during the period.

Please find attached our Environmental Policy Statement. Other relevant policies and policy statements are available on our website under the Sustainability tab.
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6.5. **Egg production and Supply Chain details:**

- 6.5.1. Records relating to the number of chickens housed/processed per annum of each of your suppliers;
- 6.5.2. Records relating to the number of eggs produced per annum of each of your suppliers;
- 6.5.3. Records relating to nutrition of chickens of each of your suppliers;
- 6.5.4. Records relating to the use of cages and type of cages used by each of your suppliers;
- 6.5.5. Records relating to the stocking density of each of your suppliers;
- 6.5.6. Records relating to the number of chickens and chicks culled in the production process by each of your suppliers.

Tiger Brands does not have access to the information required above.

6.6. **Asset Register and Stock:** Any and all records relating to your assets and stocks that may be relevant based on the aforementioned explanation of the Project.

Not Applicable.

6.7. **Membership** records relating to any and all membership (present and past) relating to the egg, chicken and poultry industry. This includes correspondence or documentation confirming, refusing, suspending, terminating, or otherwise relating to any membership of any of the following (as applicable):

- 6.7.1. The South African Poultry Association (“**SAPA**”);
- 6.7.2. SAPA Egg Association;
- 6.7.3. SAPA Broiler Association;
- 6.7.4. Livestock Welfare Co-ordinating Committee (“**LWCC**”);
- 6.7.5. South African Bureau of Standards (“**SABS**”);
- 6.7.6. Sustainable Retailer Forum;
- 6.7.7. Animal Feed Manufacturer Association;
- 6.7.8. Any other poultry, egg or chicken organisations or associations that may be relevant based on the aforementioned description of the Project,

Not Applicable.

6.8. **Compliance with Association standards and requirements and Certification:** Any and all records of compliance and/or non-compliance with third party standards and/or requirements, correspondence as applicable and certifications with/by the Associations and other third party standards and/or requirements that may be relevant based on the aforementioned explanation of the Project.

Not Applicable.

6.9. **Third Party Certification:** Certificates/notices, letters and correspondence illustrating any third-party certifications. This would include:

- 6.9.1. Certificates/notices issued illustrating certification by A Greener World (“**AGW**”); and
- 6.9.2. Other third-party certifications that may be relevant based on the aforementioned explanation of the Project.

Not Applicable.

6.10. **Commitments:** Records indicating any and all animal welfare-related commitments and progress towards these commitments This would include:

- 6.10.1. Better Chicken Commitments (“**BCC**”);
- 6.10.2. Cage-Free Commitments;
- 6.10.3. Other commitments that may be relevant based on the aforementioned explanation of the Project.

Not Applicable.

6.11. **Public Statements:** Any and all public statements relating to animal welfare regarding eggs, sourcing thereof or chickens under your control.

Not Applicable.

