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11 January 2024

ANIMAL LAW REFORM SOUTH AFRICA

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Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION – NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF ORIGINAL PERIOD IN TERMS OF SECTION 57 OF THE PROMTOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT, ACT 2 OF 2000 (“PAIA”).

1. We act for Toplay Egg Co-Opertative Limited Ltd.
 2. We have been placed in possession of a letter dated 11 December 2023 (the beginning of the 2023 festive season) together with a formal request for access to alleged information held by our client.
 3. We do intend to respond to your letter under reply and all our client's rights to do so, at a later stage, are fully reserved.
 4. With regard to the Request to Access to Information to which our client is, over and above the fact that it should be common cause that the request was received over the festive season and when our client downscaled it activities to afford its employees a well-
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deserved rest, impossible to attend the request within the time limits provided. For now, our client will allow your organisation the benefit of not drawing any inferences pertaining to the time selected to submit the request.

5. We are accordingly instructed to hereby and in accordance section 57 of the PAIA extend the original period by 30 days to 11 February. The reasons for the extension are, with reference to receiving the request of the festive season, the reasons as provided for *inter alia* the reasons as provided for in section 47(1)(a)-(d) of PAIA.
6. In terms of section 57(3) of PAIA and as the requester, you may lodge a complaint to the Information Regulator or an application with a court against the extension and your attention is drawn to the procedure as set out in section 77 B of PAIA read together with the Regulations Relating to the Promotion of Access to Information published under GN R757 in GG 45057 of 27 August 2021 for the procedure to be followed.
7. In the meantime, and with reference to the fact that organisation claims to be acting in a representative capacity and as a group of lawyers utilising the law as a tool on behalf of your alleged principal to ensure justice for all who require it, we will appreciate to receive proof of registration of your organisation as a law firm or practice in terms of the Legal Practice Act, Act 28 of 2014. We will also appreciate copies of Fidelity Fund Certificates issued by the Legal Practice Council to each legal professional of your organisation of whom the records appear on your website and who provides the legal services (as full-time practitioners) referred to above, for and on behalf of your organisation. Our rights and the rights of our clients in this respect are fully reserved.

