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Animal Law Reform South Africa NPC

Per email: outreach@animallawreform.org

12 December 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS IN TERMS OF THE
PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT, 2000 ("PAIA") FROM ANIMAL
LAW REFORM SOUTH AFRICA NPC**

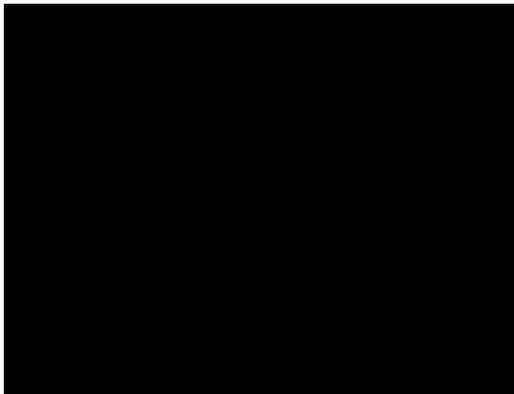
1. We refer to the request in terms of PAIA submitted to Quantum Foods Proprietary Limited ("**Quantum Foods**"), dated 16 November 2022, by Animal Law Reform South Africa ("**ALRSA**") for the information specified in paragraph 6 of your letter ("**your request**").
2. We will address your request in terms of PAIA, read together the rules and regulations made thereunder, as well as with reference to Quantum Foods' PAIA Manual.
3. As you are aware, Quantum Foods is required to determine whether a request for information is to be granted or refused within 30 days, unless the request contains considerations of such a nature that an extension of the time period is required.¹ A decision on whether or not to grant your request was not possible within the original 30-day period for the following reasons:
 - 3.1 your request relates to several records and requires a search through a large number of documents, and as such compliance with the original period will unreasonably interfere with our activities;² and

¹ Sections 56 and 57 of PAIA read with clause 12.4 of Quantum Foods's PAIA Manual.

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- 3.2 consultation among our divisions is necessary and desirable to decide upon your request that cannot reasonably be completed within the original period.³
4. As such, Quantum Foods is extending the period by a further 30 days, until 19 January 2023.⁴
5. Please note that you may lodge a written complaint to the Information Regulator against the extension⁵ on a form that corresponds substantially with Form 5 of Annexure A to the *Regulations relating to the Promotion of Access to Information*.⁶ The complaint must be lodged in writing within 180 days from the date of this letter.
6. Alternatively, you are entitled to apply to court within 180 days (from the date of this letter) against the extension in terms of the ordinary court rules applicable to civil proceedings,⁷ as set out in the *Promotion of Access to Information Rules*.⁸ The application must be served on the head of Quantum Foods.
7. We trust that the above is in order.



³ Section 57(1)(c) of PAIA.

⁴ Section 57(3)(c) of PAIA. We have calculated this date by counting 30 days from the date specified in paragraph 7 of your request, i.e. 20 December 2022.

⁵ Section 57(3)(c) of PAIA.

⁶ *Regulations relating to the Promotion of Access to Information, 2021*, published under Government Notice R757 in *Government Gazette* 45057 on 27 August 2021.

⁷ Rule 6 of the High Court Rules or Rule 55 of the Magistrates' Court Rules – depending on the forum in which it is brought.

⁸ *Promotion of Access to Information Rules*, published under Government Notice R1284 in *Government Gazette* 42740 of 4 October 2019.