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Hon. Refiloe Kekana

CHAIRPERSON: Portfolio Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development (EARD)

THE GPL INVITES PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS STANDARDS AMENDMENT BILL [B15B—2021]

The Gauteng Provincial Legislature's Portfolio Committee on Environment, Agriculture & Rural Development (EARD) invites all interested stakeholders (individuals and organisations) to comment on the Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B15B-2021] (Amendment Bill).

The Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (the Principal Act) came into effect in 1991 to provide for the control of the sale, export and import of certain agricultural products and control over other related products. The Amendment Bill seeks:

- To amend the principal Act so as to insert definitions and substitute others;
- To provide for auditing of a product for management control systems;
- To make provision for the setting of tariffs by assignees on a cost-recovery basis;
- To make further provisions for the Minister to make regulations pertaining to audit and management control systems; and
- To provide for matters connected therewith.

All stakeholders (individuals and organisations) with an interest in this Bill are invited to give their inputs using any of the following options:

1. Attend a public hearing on Friday, 25 August 2023 at the Vereeniging City Hall, Cnr. Leslie Street and Beaconfield Avenue, Vereeniging from 10h00.
2. Live stream through the Gauteng Provincial Legislature's YouTube and Facebook pages from 10h00 on 25 August 2023;
3. Make a written submission addressed to Ms Lebogang Mampe (Committee Coordinator) lmampe@gpl.gov.za or Mr Ben Dhlomo (Public Participation Officer) bdhlomo@gpl.gov.za. **Closing date for all written submissions is 15 September 2023.**

A pre-hearing workshop will be held at the Gauteng Provincial Legislature on _ Tuesday, 22 August 2023 at 10h00-14h00. The workshop is meant to educate the public on the contents of the Bill prior to the planned public hearings.

For more information, visit the GPL website on www.gpl.gov.za or contact Ms Lebogang Mampe on 071 483 0221 or Mr Ben Dhlomo on 079 522 9131.