

14 May 2019

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sodium Regulation Compliance Advice regarding the attached list of products (ref: SRC-14-05-2019), manufactured by Deli Spices.

To curb hypertension in the South African population, the South African Department of Health promulgated "The Regulations relating to the Reduction of Sodium in Certain Foodstuffs and Related Matters" R214 of 20 March 2013 (as amended by GNR 1071 of October 2017).

As per Category 10 of Table 1 of the regulation, relating to "*Dry savoury powders (not the instant type) includes dry soup/stew powders intended to be reconstituted, cooked up and consumed as a soup/stew and/or used to thicken and/or add flavor to any type of savoury dish, where a thickener is a significant ingoing ingredient.*", these ready pack's sodium salt content was required to be reduced to achieve a sodium content of maximum 3500 mg total sodium per 100 g dry powder, after 30 June 2019;

or

As per Category 11 of Table 1 of the regulation, relating to "*Dry gravy powders and savoury sauce powders, including all dry savoury gravy/sauce powders that require cooking or which are the instant type, used as an accompaniment to a meal.*", these ready pack's sodium salt content was required to be reduced to achieve a sodium content of maximum 2000 mg total sodium per 100 g dry powder, after 30 June 2019.

or

As per Category 13 of Table 1 of the regulation, relating to "*Stock cubes, stock powders, stock granules, stock emulsions, stock pastes or stock jellies. Includes concentrated stocks / stew products in various formats used primarily to flavour dishes.*", these ready pack's sodium salt content was required to be reduced to achieve a sodium content of maximum 15 000 mg sodium/100 g dry stock cube or stock powder, after 30 June 2019.

To comply with the above regulation, products widely sold to the public (as listed in the attached list - ref: SRC-14-05-2019) have been reformulated to reduce the blend's sodium content.

Our food technologists thoroughly trialled several options to decrease the salt (sodium chloride) and add additional ingredients to maintain an acceptable taste profile. Each reformulation has resulted in an amendment of the ingredient declaration of the Ready Pack and in turn will impact the ingredient listing of the final product your company manufacture.

All future batches manufactured of each product line will be of the new formulation and this change will be indicated on the COA for each batch manufactured for the next twelve months.

Please enquire with your Deli Spices Sales Representative regarding an updated specification sheet, with the amended ingredient listing, for each product line you purchase.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J Ricketts".

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