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## HIGH ALERT: SCAM WARNING!!!

### TO ALL SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS

It has come to the attention of the *GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS* that there are certain unscrupulous companies and individuals who are defrauding unsuspecting businesses disguised as representatives of the *Government Printing Works (GPW)*.

The scam involves the fraudsters using the letterhead of *GPW* to send out fake tender bids to companies and requests to supply equipment and goods.

Although the contact person's name on the letter may be of an existing official, the contact details on the letter are not the same as the *Government Printing Works*. When searching on the Internet for the address of the company that has sent the fake tender document, the address does not exist.

The banking details are in a private name and not company name. Government will never ask you to deposit any funds for any business transaction. *GPW* has alerted the relevant law enforcement authorities to investigate this scam to protect legitimate businesses as well as the name of the organisation.

Example of e-mails these fraudsters are using:

[PROCUREMENT@GPW-GOV.ORG](mailto:PROCUREMENT@GPW-GOV.ORG)

Should you suspect that you are a victim of a scam, you must urgently contact the police and inform the *GPW*.

*GPW* has an official email with the domain as [@gpw.gov.za](mailto:@gpw.gov.za)

Government e-mails DO NOT have org in their e-mail addresses. All of these fraudsters also use the same or very similar telephone numbers. Although such number with an area code 012 looks like a landline, it is not fixed to any property.

*GPW* will never send you an e-mail asking you to supply equipment and goods without a purchase/order number. *GPW* does not procure goods for another level of Government. The organisation will not be liable for actions that result in companies or individuals being resultant victims of such a scam.

*Government Printing Works* gives businesses the opportunity to supply goods and services through RFQ / Tendering process. In order to be eligible to bid to provide goods and services, suppliers must be registered on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD). To be registered, they must meet all current legislative requirements (e.g. have a valid tax clearance certificate and be in good standing with the South African Revenue Services - SARS).

The tender process is managed through the Supply Chain Management (SCM) system of the department. SCM is highly regulated to minimise the risk of fraud, and to meet objectives which include value for money, open and effective competition, equitability, accountability, fair dealing, transparency and an ethical approach. Relevant legislation, regulations, policies, guidelines and instructions can be found on the tender's website.

## Fake Tenders

National Treasury's CSD has launched the Government Order Scam campaign to combat fraudulent requests for quotes (RFQs). Such fraudulent requests have resulted in innocent companies losing money. We work hard at preventing and fighting fraud, but criminal activity is always a risk.

### How tender scams work

There are many types of tender scams. Here are some of the more frequent scenarios:

Fraudsters use what appears to be government department stationery with fictitious logos and contact details to send a fake RFQ to a company to invite it to urgently supply goods. Shortly after the company has submitted its quote, it receives notification that it has won the tender. The company delivers the goods to someone who poses as an official or at a fake site. The Department has no idea of this transaction made in its name. The company is then never paid and suffers a loss.

OR

Fraudsters use what appears to be government department stationery with fictitious logos and contact details to send a fake RFQ to Company A to invite it to urgently supply goods. Typically, the tender specification is so unique that only Company B (a fictitious company created by the fraudster) can supply the goods in question.

Shortly after Company A has submitted its quote it receives notification that it has won the tender. Company A orders the goods and pays a deposit to the fictitious Company B. Once Company B receives the money, it disappears. Company A's money is stolen in the process.

Protect yourself from being scammed

- If you are registered on the supplier databases and you receive a request to tender or quote that seems to be from a government department, contact the department to confirm that the request is legitimate. Do not use the contact details on the tender document as these might be fraudulent.
- Compare tender details with those that appear in the Tender Bulletin, available online at [www.gpwonline.co.za](http://www.gpwonline.co.za)
- Make sure you familiarise yourself with how government procures goods and services. Visit the tender website for more information on how to tender.
- If you are uncomfortable about the request received, consider visiting the government department and/or the place of delivery and/or the service provider from whom you will be sourcing the goods.
- In the unlikely event that you are asked for a deposit to make a bid, contact the SCM unit of the department in question to ask whether this is in fact correct.

Any incidents of corruption, fraud, theft and misuse of government property in the *Government Printing Works* can be reported to:

Supply Chain Management: Ms. Anna Marie Du Toit, Tel. (012) 748 6292.  
Email: [Annamarie.DuToit@gpw.gov.za](mailto:Annamarie.DuToit@gpw.gov.za)

Marketing and Stakeholder Relations: Ms Bonakele Mbhele, at Tel. (012) 748 6193.  
Email: [Bonakele.Mbhele@gpw.gov.za](mailto:Bonakele.Mbhele@gpw.gov.za)

Security Services: Mr Daniel Legoabe, at tel. (012) 748 6176.  
Email: [Daniel.Legoabe@gpw.gov.za](mailto:Daniel.Legoabe@gpw.gov.za)

# Closing times for **ORDINARY WEEKLY** **2021** **GOVERNMENT GAZETTE**

*The closing time is 15:00 sharp on the following days:*

- **24 December 2020**, Thursday for the issue of Thursday **31 December 2020**
- **31 December 2020**, Thursday for the issue of Friday **08 January 2021**
- **08 January**, Friday for the issue of Friday **15 January 2021**
- **15 January**, Friday for the issue of Friday **22 January 2021**
- **22 January**, Friday for the issue of Friday **29 January 2021**
- **29 January**, Friday for the issue of Friday **05 February 2021**
- **05 February**, Friday for the issue of Friday **12 February 2021**
- **12 February**, Friday for the issue of Friday **19 February 2021**
- **19 February**, Friday for the issue of Friday **26 February 2021**
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- **12 March**, Friday for the issue of Friday **19 March 2021**
- **18 March**, Thursday for the issue of Friday **26 March 2021**
- **25 March**, Thursday for the issue of Thursday **01 April 2021**
- **31 March**, Wednesday for the issue of Friday **09 April 2021**
- **09 April**, Friday for the issue of Friday **16 April 2021**
- **16 April**, Friday for the issue of Friday **23 April 2021**
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- **02 July**, Friday for the issue of Friday **09 July 2021**
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- **05 August**, Thursday for the issue of Friday **13 August 2021**
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- **23 December**, Thursday for the issue of Friday **31 December 2021**

# LIST OF TARIFF RATES FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICES

**COMMENCEMENT: 1 APRIL 2018**

## NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL

Notice sizes for National, Provincial & Tender gazettes 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 per page. Notices submitted will be charged at R1008.80 per full page, pro-rated based on the above categories.

Pricing for National, Provincial - Variable Priced Notices		
Notice Type	Page Space	New Price (R)
Ordinary National, Provincial	1/4 - Quarter Page	252.20
Ordinary National, Provincial	2/4 - Half Page	504.40
Ordinary National, Provincial	3/4 - Three Quarter Page	756.60
Ordinary National, Provincial	4/4 - Full Page	1008.80

## EXTRA-ORDINARY

All Extra-ordinary National and Provincial gazette notices are non-standard notices and attract a variable price based on the number of pages submitted.

The pricing structure for National and Provincial notices which are submitted as **Extra ordinary submissions** will be charged at **R3026.32** per page.

## GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES

The **Government Printing Works (GPW)** has established rules for submitting notices in line with its electronic notice processing system, which requires the use of electronic *Adobe Forms*. Please ensure that you adhere to these guidelines when completing and submitting your notice submission.

### CLOSING TIMES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICES

1. The *Government Gazette* and *Government Tender Bulletin* are weekly publications that are published on Fridays and the closing time for the acceptance of notices is strictly applied according to the scheduled time for each gazette.
2. Please refer to the Submission Notice Deadline schedule in the table below. This schedule is also published online on the Government Printing works website [www.gpwonline.co.za](http://www.gpwonline.co.za)

All re-submissions will be subject to the standard cut-off times.

**All notices received after the closing time will be rejected.**

Government Gazette Type	Publication Frequency	Publication Date	Submission Deadline	Cancellations Deadline
National Gazette	Weekly	Friday	Friday 15h00 for next Friday	Tuesday, 15h00 - 3 working days prior to publication
Regulation Gazette	Weekly	Friday	Friday 15h00 for next Friday	Tuesday, 15h00 - 3 working days prior to publication
Petrol Price Gazette	Monthly	Tuesday before 1st Wednesday of the month	One day before publication	1 working day prior to publication
Road Carrier Permits	Weekly	Friday	Thursday 15h00 for next Friday	3 working days prior to publication
Unclaimed Monies (Justice, Labour or Lawyers)	January / September 2 per year	Last Friday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
Parliament (Acts, White Paper, Green Paper)	As required	Any day of the week	None	3 working days prior to publication
Manuals	Bi- Monthly	2nd and last Thursday of the month	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
State of Budget (National Treasury)	Monthly	30th or last Friday of the month	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
<i>Extraordinary Gazettes</i>	As required	Any day of the week	<i>Before 10h00 on publication date</i>	<i>Before 10h00 on publication date</i>
Legal Gazettes A, B and C	Weekly	Friday	One week before publication	Tuesday, 15h00 - 3 working days prior to publication
Tender Bulletin	Weekly	Friday	Friday 15h00 for next Friday	Tuesday, 15h00 - 3 working days prior to publication
Gauteng	Weekly	Wednesday	Two weeks before publication	3 days <b>after</b> submission deadline
Eastern Cape	Weekly	Monday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
Northern Cape	Weekly	Monday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
North West	Weekly	Tuesday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
KwaZulu-Natal	Weekly	Thursday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
Limpopo	Weekly	Friday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication
Mpumalanga	Weekly	Friday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication

## GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES

Government Gazette Type	Publication Frequency	Publication Date	Submission Deadline	Cancellations Deadline
Gauteng Liquor License Gazette	Monthly	Wednesday before the First Friday of the month	Two weeks before publication	3 working days <b>after</b> submission deadline
Northern Cape Liquor License Gazette	Monthly	First Friday of the month	Two weeks before publication	3 working days <b>after</b> submission deadline
National Liquor License Gazette	Monthly	First Friday of the month	Two weeks before publication	3 working days <b>after</b> submission deadline
Mpumalanga Liquor License Gazette	Bi-Monthly	Second & Fourth Friday	One week before publication	3 working days prior to publication

### EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTES

3. *Extraordinary Gazettes* can have only one publication date. If multiple publications of an *Extraordinary Gazette* are required, a separate Z95/Z95Prov *Adobe* Forms for each publication date must be submitted.

### NOTICE SUBMISSION PROCESS

4. Download the latest *Adobe* form, for the relevant notice to be placed, from the **Government Printing Works** website [www.gpwonline.co.za](http://www.gpwonline.co.za).
5. The *Adobe* form needs to be completed electronically using *Adobe Acrobat / Acrobat Reader*. Only electronically completed *Adobe* forms will be accepted. No printed, handwritten and/or scanned *Adobe* forms will be accepted.
6. The completed electronic *Adobe* form has to be submitted via email to [submit.egazette@gpw.gov.za](mailto:submit.egazette@gpw.gov.za). The form needs to be submitted in its original electronic *Adobe* format to enable the system to extract the completed information from the form for placement in the publication.
7. Every notice submitted **must** be accompanied by an official **GPW** quotation. This must be obtained from the *eGazette* Contact Centre.
8. Each notice submission should be sent as a single email. The email **must** contain **all documentation relating to a particular notice submission**.
  - 8.1. Each of the following documents must be attached to the email as a separate attachment:
    - 8.1.1. An electronically completed *Adobe* form, specific to the type of notice that is to be placed.
      - 8.1.1.1. For National *Government Gazette* or *Provincial Gazette* notices, the notices must be accompanied by an electronic Z95 or Z95Prov *Adobe* form
      - 8.1.1.2. The notice content (body copy) **MUST** be a separate attachment.
    - 8.1.2. A copy of the official **Government Printing Works** quotation you received for your notice. (*Please see Quotation section below for further details*)
    - 8.1.3. A valid and legible Proof of Payment / Purchase Order: **Government Printing Works** account customer must include a copy of their Purchase Order. **Non-Government Printing Works** account customer needs to submit the proof of payment for the notice
    - 8.1.4. Where separate notice content is applicable (Z95, Z95 Prov and TForm 3, it should **also** be attached as a separate attachment. (*Please see the Copy Section below, for the specifications*).
    - 8.1.5. Any additional notice information if applicable.

**GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES**

9. The electronic *Adobe* form will be taken as the primary source for the notice information to be published. Instructions that are on the email body or covering letter that contradicts the notice form content will not be considered. The information submitted on the electronic *Adobe* form will be published as-is.
10. To avoid duplicated publication of the same notice and double billing, Please submit your notice **ONLY ONCE**.
11. Notices brought to **GPW** by “walk-in” customers on electronic media can only be submitted in *Adobe* electronic form format. All “walk-in” customers with notices that are not on electronic *Adobe* forms will be routed to the Contact Centre where they will be assisted to complete the forms in the required format.
12. Should a customer submit a bulk submission of hard copy notices delivered by a messenger on behalf of any organisation e.g. newspaper publisher, the messenger will be referred back to the sender as the submission does not adhere to the submission rules.

**QUOTATIONS**

13. Quotations are valid until the next tariff change.
  - 13.1. **Take note:** **GPW**'s annual tariff increase takes place on **1 April** therefore any quotations issued, accepted and submitted for publication up to **31 March** will keep the old tariff. For notices to be published from 1 April, a quotation must be obtained from **GPW** with the new tariffs. Where a tariff increase is implemented during the year, **GPW** endeavours to provide customers with 30 days' notice of such changes.
14. Each quotation has a unique number.
15. Form Content notices must be emailed to the *eGazette* Contact Centre for a quotation.
  - 15.1. The *Adobe* form supplied is uploaded by the Contact Centre Agent and the system automatically calculates the cost of your notice based on the layout/format of the content supplied.
  - 15.2. It is critical that these *Adobe* Forms are completed correctly and adhere to the guidelines as stipulated by **GPW**.
16. **APPLICABLE ONLY TO GPW ACCOUNT HOLDERS:**
  - 16.1. **GPW** Account Customers must provide a valid **GPW** account number to obtain a quotation.
  - 16.2. Accounts for **GPW** account customers **must** be active with sufficient credit to transact with **GPW** to submit notices.
    - 16.2.1. If you are unsure about or need to resolve the status of your account, please contact the **GPW** Finance Department prior to submitting your notices. (If the account status is not resolved prior to submission of your notice, the notice will be failed during the process).
17. **APPLICABLE ONLY TO CASH CUSTOMERS:**
  - 17.1. Cash customers doing **bulk payments** must use a **single email address** in order to use the **same proof of payment** for submitting multiple notices.
18. The responsibility lies with you, the customer, to ensure that the payment made for your notice(s) to be published is sufficient to cover the cost of the notice(s).
19. Each quotation will be associated with one proof of payment / purchase order / cash receipt.
  - 19.1. This means that **the quotation number can only be used once to make a payment.**

**GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES****COPY (SEPARATE NOTICE CONTENT DOCUMENT)**

20. Where the copy is part of a separate attachment document for Z95, Z95Prov and TForm03
- 20.1. Copy of notices must be supplied in a separate document and may not constitute part of any covering letter, purchase order, proof of payment or other attached documents.
- The content document should contain only one notice. (You may include the different translations of the same notice in the same document).
- 20.2. The notice should be set on an A4 page, with margins and fonts set as follows:
- Page size = A4 Portrait with page margins: Top = 40mm, LH/RH = 16mm, Bottom = 40mm;  
Use font size: Arial or Helvetica 10pt with 11pt line spacing;
- Page size = A4 Landscape with page margins: Top = 16mm, LH/RH = 40mm, Bottom = 16mm;  
Use font size: Arial or Helvetica 10pt with 11pt line spacing;

**CANCELLATIONS**

21. Cancellation of notice submissions are accepted by **GPW** according to the deadlines stated in the table above in point 2. Non-compliance to these deadlines will result in your request being failed. Please pay special attention to the different deadlines for each gazette. Please note that any notices cancelled after the cancellation deadline will be published and charged at full cost.
22. Requests for cancellation must be sent by the original sender of the notice and must be accompanied by the relevant notice reference number (N-) in the email body.

**AMENDMENTS TO NOTICES**

23. With effect from 01 October 2015, **GPW** will not longer accept amendments to notices. The cancellation process will need to be followed according to the deadline and a new notice submitted thereafter for the next available publication date.

**REJECTIONS**

24. All notices not meeting the submission rules will be rejected to the customer to be corrected and resubmitted. Assistance will be available through the Contact Centre should help be required when completing the forms. (012-748 6200 or email [info.egazette@gpw.gov.za](mailto:info.egazette@gpw.gov.za)). Reasons for rejections include the following:
- 24.1. Incorrectly completed forms and notices submitted in the wrong format, will be rejected.
- 24.2. Any notice submissions not on the correct *Adobe* electronic form, will be rejected.
- 24.3. Any notice submissions not accompanied by the proof of payment / purchase order will be rejected and the notice will not be processed.
- 24.4. Any submissions or re-submissions that miss the submission cut-off times will be rejected to the customer. The Notice needs to be re-submitted with a new publication date.

**GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES****APPROVAL OF NOTICES**

25. Any notices other than legal notices are subject to the approval of the Government Printer, who may refuse acceptance or further publication of any notice.
26. No amendments will be accepted in respect to separate notice content that was sent with a Z95 or Z95Prov notice submissions. The copy of notice in layout format (previously known as proof-out) is only provided where requested, for Advertiser to see the notice in final Gazette layout. Should they find that the information submitted was incorrect, they should request for a notice cancellation and resubmit the corrected notice, subject to standard submission deadlines. The cancellation is also subject to the stages in the publishing process, i.e. If cancellation is received when production (printing process) has commenced, then the notice cannot be cancelled.

**GOVERNMENT PRINTER INDEMNIFIED AGAINST LIABILITY**

27. The Government Printer will assume no liability in respect of—
  - 27.1. any delay in the publication of a notice or publication of such notice on any date other than that stipulated by the advertiser;
  - 27.2. erroneous classification of a notice, or the placement of such notice in any section or under any heading other than the section or heading stipulated by the advertiser;
  - 27.3. any editing, revision, omission, typographical errors or errors resulting from faint or indistinct copy.

**LIABILITY OF ADVERTISER**

28. Advertisers will be held liable for any compensation and costs arising from any action which may be instituted against the Government Printer in consequence of the publication of any notice.

**CUSTOMER INQUIRIES**

Many of our customers request immediate feedback/confirmation of notice placement in the gazette from our Contact Centre once they have submitted their notice – While **GPW** deems it one of their highest priorities and responsibilities to provide customers with this requested feedback and the best service at all times, we are only able to do so once we have started processing your notice submission.

**GPW** has a 2-working day turnaround time for processing notices received according to the business rules and deadline submissions.

Please keep this in mind when making inquiries about your notice submission at the Contact Centre.

29. Requests for information, quotations and inquiries must be sent to the Contact Centre **ONLY**.
30. Requests for Quotations (RFQs) should be received by the Contact Centre at least **2 working days** before the submission deadline for that specific publication.

## GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS - BUSINESS RULES

### PAYMENT OF COST

31. The Request for Quotation for placement of the notice should be sent to the Gazette Contact Centre as indicated above, prior to submission of notice for advertising.
32. Payment should then be made, or Purchase Order prepared based on the received quotation, prior to the submission of the notice for advertising as these documents i.e. proof of payment or Purchase order will be required as part of the notice submission, as indicated earlier.
33. Every proof of payment must have a valid **GPW** quotation number as a reference on the proof of payment document.
34. Where there is any doubt about the cost of publication of a notice, and in the case of copy, an enquiry, accompanied by the relevant copy, should be addressed to the Gazette Contact Centre, **Government Printing Works**, Private Bag X85, Pretoria, 0001 email: [info.egazette@gpw.gov.za](mailto:info.egazette@gpw.gov.za) before publication.
35. Overpayment resulting from miscalculation on the part of the advertiser of the cost of publication of a notice will not be refunded, unless the advertiser furnishes adequate reasons why such miscalculation occurred. In the event of underpayments, the difference will be recovered from the advertiser, and future notice(s) will not be published until such time as the full cost of such publication has been duly paid in cash or electronic funds transfer into the **Government Printing Works** banking account.
36. In the event of a notice being cancelled, a refund will be made only if no cost regarding the placing of the notice has been incurred by the **Government Printing Works**.
37. The **Government Printing Works** reserves the right to levy an additional charge in cases where notices, the cost of which has been calculated in accordance with the List of Fixed Tariff Rates, are subsequently found to be excessively lengthy or to contain overmuch or complicated tabulation.

### PROOF OF PUBLICATION

38. Copies of any of the *Government Gazette* or *Provincial Gazette* can be downloaded from the **Government Printing Works** website [www.gpwonline.co.za](http://www.gpwonline.co.za) free of charge, should a proof of publication be required.
39. Printed copies may be ordered from the Publications department at the ruling price. The **Government Printing Works** will assume no liability for any failure to post or for any delay in despatching of such *Government Gazette*(s)

## GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS CONTACT INFORMATION

**Physical Address:**
**Government Printing Works**

149 Bosman Street

Pretoria

**Postal Address:**

Private Bag X85

Pretoria

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**GPW Banking Details:**
**Bank:** ABSA Bosman Street

**Account No.:** 405 7114 016

**Branch Code:** 632-005

**For Gazette and Notice submissions:** Gazette Submissions:

**For queries and quotations, contact:** Gazette Contact Centre:

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**E-mail:** [info.egazette@gpw.gov.za](mailto:info.egazette@gpw.gov.za)
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## GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. R. 956

1 October 2021

#### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT STANDARDS ACT, 1990 (ACT No. 119 OF 1990)

#### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE GRADING, PACKING AND MARKING OF TABLE OLIVES INTENDED FOR SALE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development has under section 15 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990) --

- (a) made the regulations in this Schedule;
- (b) repealed the regulation published by Government Notice No. R. 589 of 27 May 2016 on the date of publication of the said regulations; and
- (c) determined that the said regulations shall come into operation on the date of publication thereof.

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**PART I  
DEFINITIONS, SCOPE AND RESTRICTIONS**

**Definitions**

1. Any word or expression in these regulations to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates –

“**abnormal colour**” means table olives of which the colour is distinctly different from the characteristic colour of the treatment in question and from the average of a representative sample of the batch;

“**abnormal texture**” means table olives which are excessively or abnormally flabby or tough in comparison with the treatment in question and with the average of a representative sample of the batch;

“**address**” means a physical address and includes the street or road number or name and the name of the town, village or suburb and, in the case of a farm, the name or number of the farm and of the magisterial district in which it is situated;

“**assignee**” means a person, undertaking, body, institution, association or board designated under section 2(3) of the Act;

“**blemished fruit**” means table olives with marks or stains on the skin that are more than 9 mm<sup>2</sup> in surface area and that may or may not penetrate through to the flesh which, either singly or combined, materially affect the appearance or eating quality of the table olives;

“**broken fruit**” means table olives damaged to such an extent as to affect their normal structure;

“**batch**” means a definite quantity of table olives produced essentially under the same conditions, and not exceeding a period of 24 hours;

“**best before date**” or “**best quality before date**” means the date which signifies the end of period under any stated storage conditions during which the unopened product will remain fully marketable and will retain any specific qualities for which implied or express claims have been made, however, beyond the date the food may still be acceptable for consumption;

“**close proximity**” means in the immediate vicinity of or nearest/ closest/ next to, and which shall not be interrupted or separated by for example any wording, symbols, figures, lines, depictions, etc.;

“**container**” means the immediate packaging in which table olives are presented for sale;

“**defective stuffing**” means that table olives presented as the style stuffed olives are totally or partly empty in comparison with the average of a representative sample of the batch;

“**drained mass**” means the mass, in grams, of the drained contents of a container of table olives, determined as prescribed in regulation 24;

“**excessively soft**” means table olives –

- (a) that appear to be spongy or watery;
- (b) that have the apparent shape of whole units, but appear to have disintegrated flesh and water texture; or
- (c) of which the pit can be felt when applying moderate pressure;

“**EU SADC EPA**” means the European Union and Southern African Development Community Economic Partnership Agreement signed on 10 June 2016 between the member states of the European Union and the Southern African Development Community region of which the Republic of South Africa forms part;

“**Executive Officer**” means the officer designated under section 2 (1) of the Act;

“**food additive**” means a permitted substance as defined in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972);

“**foodstuff**” means a foodstuff as defined in the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972);

“**geographical indication**” (**GI**) means an indication (name) as defined in the regulations relating to the protection of geographical indications used on agricultural products intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa published under the Act;

“**harmless extraneous material**” means any vegetable matter (e.g. leaves and separated stems) not detrimental to health, nor aesthetically undesirable, but excludes any added foodstuffs and food additives allowed for in terms of these regulations;

“**herbs**” means the leafy green or flowering parts of a plant used for amongst others flavouring and culinary purposes and could be fresh, dried or the extract thereof;

“**hermetically sealed containers**” means containers which are sealed to protect the contents against the entry of micro-organisms during and after heat processing;

“**honey**” means the product as defined in the latest regulations relating to the grading, packing and marking of honey and mixtures of Bee products intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa published under the Act;

“**inspector**” means an officer under the control of the Executive Officer, or an assignee or an employee of an assignee;

“**label**” means any tag, brand, mark, pictorial, graphic or other descriptive matter, which is written, printed, stenciled, marked, embossed, impressed upon, or permanently attached to a container of table olives, and includes labelling for the purpose of promoting its sale or disposal;

“**main panel**” means that part(s) of the container, outer container or label that bears the brand name or trade mark of the product in greatest prominence or any other part of the container or label that bears the brand name or trade mark in equal prominence;

“**mutilated fruit**” means table olives damaged by tearing the epicarp affecting the flesh to such an extent that a portion of the mesocarp (flesh) becomes visible;

“**outer container**” means a carton or any other suitable packaging in which more than one container of table olives is packed, irrespective whether it completely or partially encloses the containers;

“**packed to capacity**” means that the container has been filled with the maximum quantity of table olives that can be sealed therein without breaking or crushing the contents;

“**pit**” or “**pit fragments**” means whole pits or pit fragments measuring more than 2 mm along their longest axis, but excludes pits in the styles whole, cracked and split olives;

“**salt**” means a substance as defined in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972);

“**shrivelled fruit**” means table olives that are so abnormally wrinkled as to affect their appearance: Provided that slight superficial wrinkles displayed by certain processed table olives (e.g. dried olives) shall not be considered a defect;

“**soft**” means units lacking the firmness that is characteristic for a particular variety;

“**spices**” means dried, pungent or aromatic substances of edible plant origin (i.e. from the fruit, root, stem, bulb, bark or seeds) primarily used for flavouring, colouring or preserving of foodstuffs;

“**stems**” means stems attached to the table olives and which measure more than 3 mm in length when measured from the shoulder of the olive: Provided that it shall not be considered a defect in the styles whole, cracked and split olives presented with stems attached;

“**sugar**” means the product as defined in the Codex Standard for Sugars (CODEX STAN 212-1999);

“**table olives**” means the product --

- (a) prepared from the sound fruits of varieties of the cultivated olive tree (*Olea europaea* L.) having reached appropriate degree of development for processing that are chosen for their production of table olives whose volume, shape, flesh-to-pit ratio, fine flesh, taste, firmness and ease of detachment from the pit make them particularly suitable for processing;
- (b) treated to remove its bitterness and preserved by natural fermentation, and/or by heat treatment, and/or by other means so as to prevent spoilage and to ensure product stability in appropriate storage conditions with or without the addition of preservatives; and
- (c) packed with or without a suitable liquid packing medium in accordance with regulation 9;

“**the Act**” means the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990);

“**trade mark**” means a trade mark as defined in the Trade Marks Act, 1993 (Act No. 194 of 1993);

“**transparent**” in relation to containers and outer containers, means that an area of at least a 25 percent continuous portion of the main panel or back panel, or across any two adjacent panels, of a container or outer container is transparent;

“**use by date**” or “**expiration date**” means the date which signifies the end of the period under any stated storage conditions, after which the product should not be sold or consumed due to safety and quality reasons;

“**vinegar**” means the product as defined in the latest regulations relating to the classification, packing and marking of vinegar and imitation vinegar intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa published under the Act; and

“**water**” means potable water as described in the latest version of the SANS 241-1: 2015 Drinking Water Standard.

### **Scope of regulations**

2. These regulations shall apply to table olives intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa to which and under circumstances in which a prohibition in terms of section 3 of the Act regarding control over the sale of table olives apply.

### **Restrictions on the sale of table olives**

3. (1) No person shall sell table olives in the Republic of South Africa --
  - (a) unless such products are sold according to the grades referred to in regulation 4;
  - (b) unless such products comply with the general standards and quality standards for such grades referred to in regulations 5 and 6;
  - (c) unless such products are classified according to the types referred to in regulation 7;
  - (d) unless such products are presented as one of the styles referred to in regulation 8;

- (e) unless the minimum fill of containers requirement referred to in regulation 10 has been complied with;
- (f) unless such products comply with the packing requirements referred to in regulation 11;
- (g) unless the containers and outer containers in which such products are packed, comply with the requirements referred to in regulation 12;
- (h) unless the containers and outer containers in which such products are packed, are marked with the particulars and in the manner prescribed in regulations 13 to 19; and
- (i) if such products are marked with any restricted particulars or in a manner which are prohibited in terms of regulation 20.

(2) The Executive Officer may grant written exemption, entirely or partially, to any person on such conditions as he or she deems necessary, from the provisions of sub-regulation (1) above.

## **PART II GRADES OF AND STANDARDS FOR TABLE OLIVES**

### ***Grades of table olives***

4. There shall be three grades of table olives, namely Extra Choice Grade, Choice Grade and Standard Grade.

### ***General standards for table olives***

5. (1) All grades of table olives shall --
- (a) be prepared from sound, fresh, clean and washed fruit;
  - (b) have a uniform size for the style concerned, except when mixed sizes are packed in the same container;
  - (c) have a normal colour, flavour, odour and texture characteristic of the finished product;
  - (d) be free of any microbiological deterioration and extraneous taste and smell caused by anomalous fermentation;
  - (e) subject to the provisions of sub-regulation (2) below, be free from any substance which does not normally form part of table olives, excluding extraneous vegetable matter; and
  - (f) comply with the applicable quality standards as specified in regulation 6.
- (2) Table olives may contain food additives and/ or the following ingredients:
- (a) Water.
  - (b) Salt.
  - (c) Vinegar.
  - (d) Olive oil or other edible vegetable oils.
  - (e) Sugars and/or other foodstuffs with sweetening properties such as honey.

- (f) Any single or combination of edible material used as an accompaniment or stuffing (e.g. pimiento, onion, almond, celery, anchovy, capers, etc.), or pastes thereof.
  - (g) Spices and aromatic herbs or natural extracts thereof.
- (3) Imported table olives which have been registered as a Geographical Indication (GI), and which originate from --
- (a) a member country within the European Union shall comply with the standards registered for the GI named table olive in the member country concerned; and
  - (b) a member country of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), excluding those countries that are members of the European Union, shall comply with the standards registered for the GI named table olive in the country of origin concerned.

#### **Standards for grades of table olives**

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 5, table olives shall comply with the quality standards for each grade as set out below:

- (a) **Extra Choice Grade:**
  - (i) The high quality table olives endowed to the maximum extent with the characteristics specific to the variety and treatment: Provided that the table olives may have very slight colour, shape, flesh-firmness or skin defects: Provided further that this does not affect the overall favourable aspect or organoleptic characteristics of each fruit.
  - (ii) The styles whole, split, pitted and stuffed olives of appropriate varieties may be graded as Extra Choice Grade.
- (b) **Choice Grade:**
  - (i) The table olives shall be of a good quality with a suitable degree of ripeness and endowed with the characteristics specific to the variety and treatment: Provided that the table olives may have a slight colour, shape, flesh-firmness or skin defects: Provided further that this does not affect the overall favourable aspect or organoleptic characteristics of each fruit.
  - (ii) All the types and styles of table olives, except for chopped or broken olives, may be graded as Choice Grade.
- (c) **Standard Grade:**
  - (i) Although the table olives do not comply with the quality standards for Extra Choice Grade or Choice Grade, they shall still be of a good quality which complies with the general quality standards set out in regulation 5.

(2) The grades of table olives may, depending on the style concerned, deviate from the specified quality standards to the extent as set out in Table 1 or Table 2 of regulation 23.

#### **Types of table olives**

7. Table olives shall be classified as one of the following types according to the degree of ripeness of the fresh fruits:

- (a) **Green olives:** Means fruits harvested during the ripening period, prior to colouring and when they have reached normal size.

- (b) **Olives turning colour:** Means fruits harvested before the stage of complete ripeness is attained, at colour change.
- (c) **Black olives:** Means fruits harvested when fully ripe, or slightly before full ripeness is reached.

#### **Styles of table olives**

8. (1) Table olives shall be presented as one of the following styles:
- (a) **Olives:**
    - (i) **Whole olives:** Shall consist of whole table olives, with or without their stems, which have their natural shape and from which the pit has not been removed.
    - (ii) **Cracked olives:** Shall consist of whole table olives subjected to a process whereby the flesh is opened without breaking the pit which remains whole and intact inside the fruit.
    - (iii) **Split olives:** Shall consist of whole table olives that are split lengthwise by cutting into the skin and part of the flesh, without removing the pit.
  - (b) **Pitted olives:**
    - (i) **Pitted olives:** Shall consist of table olives from which the pit has been removed and which basically retain their natural shape.
    - (ii) **Halved olives:** Shall consist of pitted or stuffed table olives sliced into two approximately equal parts, perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of the fruit.
    - (iii) **Sliced olives:** Shall consist of pitted or stuffed table olives sliced into segments of fairly uniform thickness.
    - (iv) **Chopped or minced olives:** Shall consist of small pieces of pitted table olives of no definite shape and practically devoid (no more than 5 per 100 of such units by weight) of identifiable stem-insertion units as well as of slice fragments.
    - (v) **Broken olives:** Shall consist of table olives that are broken while being pitted or stuffed: Provided that they may contain pieces of the stuffing material.
  - (c) **Stuffed olives:** Shall consist of pitted table olives stuffed either with one or more suitable products (e.g. pimiento, onion, almond, celery, anchovy, olive, orange or lemon peel, hazelnut and capers) or with edible pastes.
- (2) Any other presentation of the product shall be permitted, provided that the product --
- (a) is sufficiently distinctive from other forms of presentation laid down in this regulation;
  - (b) meets all relevant requirements of this regulation, including requirements relating to limitations on defects, drained mass, and any other requirements which are applicable to that style which most closely resembles the style or styles intended to be provided for under this provision; and
  - (c) is adequately described on the container or label to avoid confusing or misleading the consumer.

**Packing media**

9. Table olives may be packed in brine (i.e. a solution of salts dissolved in potable water), with or without the addition of all or some of the ingredients listed under regulation 5(2): Provided that the brine shall be clean, free from foreign matter and have a characteristic colour, flavour and odour.

**Minimum fill of containers**

10. (1) Each container containing table olives shall –
- (a) either be packed to capacity; or
  - (b) at least comply with the following minimum drained mass requirement, calculated as a percentage of the declared net mass:
    - (i) **Whole, cracked and split olives:** Minimum drained mass of 50%.
    - (ii) **Pitted and stuffed olives:** Minimum drained mass of 40%.
- (2) The declared drained mass shall not exceed the percentages allowed for in Table 3 of regulation 23: Provided that the average drained mass of the representative sample taken shall be equal to, or in excess of, the declared drained mass.
- (3) The methods stipulated in Table 4 of regulation 24 shall be used when determining the drained mass.

**PART III  
PACKING AND CONTAINERS**

**Packing requirements**

11. Table olives of different grades shall not be packed together in the same container or outer container.

**Requirements for containers and outer containers**

12. (1) A container in which table olives are packed, shall --
- (a) be made from a material that --
    - (i) is suitable for this purpose;
    - (ii) will protect the contents thereof from contamination; and
    - (iii) will not impart any undesirable taste or flavour to the contents thereof.
  - (b) be so strong that it will not be damaged or deformed during normal storage, handling and transport practices;
  - (c) in the case of a container that is re-used, be thoroughly cleaned and sterilized before table olives are packed therein;
  - (d) be intact and clean; and
  - (e) be closed properly in a manner permitted by the nature thereof.
- (2) If containers containing table olives are packed in outer containers, such outer containers shall --
- (a) be intact, clean, neat, suitable and strong enough; and

- (b) not impart any undesirable taste or flavour to the contents thereof.

#### PART IV MARKING REQUIREMENTS

##### ***Marking of containers and outer containers***

13. (1) Except where specifically prescribed, all other marking requirements as specified by these regulations shall be clearly legible and be indicated at least in English, in detached letters or figures of at least 1 mm in size for lower case vowels.

(2) Each container in which table olives are packed shall be marked with the following particulars at least in English:

- (a) **The product name** and, where applicable, **the additions to the product name**, as specified in regulations 14 and 15 respectively, in detached letters of the same type, size, colour and font, prominently on at least one main panel in a letter size of at least 2 mm for lower case vowels: Provided that the name of the stuffing used in the case of the style stuffed olives may be indicated in one different colour when used in the additions to the product name.
  - (b) **The appropriate grade declaration**, as specified in regulation 16, in detached letters of the same type, size, colour and font on at least one main panel in a letter size of at least 2 mm for lower case vowels.
  - (c) **The name and address**, as specified in regulation 17.
  - (d) **The country of origin**, as specified in regulation 18.
  - (e) **The date marking** (i.e. “**best before**” or “**best quality before**” or “**use by**” or “**expiration**” date) or **batch code** or **batch number** for the purpose of traceability, as specified in regulation 19.
- (3) (a) The particulars referred to in sub-regulation (2) above shall be marked on an outer container in which more than one container of table olives is packed.
- (b) The marking requirements prescribed in paragraph (a) above need not to be complied with if --
- (i) a transparent outer container is used and the particulars on the containers packed therein are visible from the outside; or
  - (ii) the same label which is affixed to the containers is also affixed to the outer container.
- (4) Self-adhesive stickers indicating the particulars referred to in sub-regulation (2) above in the prescribed letter sizes may be used to cover any incorrect and/ or supplement any lacking marking requirements identified during inspection, instead of relabelling the container or repacking the table olives.
- (5) The label used on each container of table olives shall --
- (a) be clean and neat;
  - (b) be pasted securely; and
  - (c) not be pasted over existing labels affixed to the container; and
  - (c) be affixed to such container only by or on behalf of the manufacturer or packer.

**Indicating the product name**

14. The product name, namely “olives” or “table olives”, shall be indicated on each container: Provided that in the case of table olives enjoying protection as Geographical Indications (GIs), the product name shall be as follows:

- (a) The registered GI name listed in Annexure A for the particular table olives concerned in the case of table olives forming part of the EU SADC EPA.
- (b) The GI name registered for the table olives concerned in the country of origin in the case of imported table olives originating from a World Trade Organization (WTO) member country, excluding those countries that are members of the European Union.
- (c) The GI name registered for the table olives concerned in the Republic of South Africa in the case of locally produced and processed table olives.

**Additions to the product name**

15. (1) The following information shall be indicated as part of the product name, or in close proximity thereto:

- (a) The style as set out in regulation 8: Provided that –
  - (i) the style may be omitted if it is easily distinguishable in the case of table olives packed in transparent containers; and
  - (ii) if the table olives are presented in accordance with the provisions on other styles as set out in regulation 8(2), additional words or phrases that will ensure that the consumer is not misled or confused shall be used.
- (b) The type of stuffing used in the case of stuffed olives.
- (c) The name of the added foodstuff (if a foodstuff other than the stuffing used in the case of the style stuffed olives has been added), herb and/ or spice: Provided that where a mixture of two or more kinds of herbs and/or spices have been added, the expression “mixed herbs”, “mixed spices” or “mixed herbs and spices”, as the case may be, may instead be used.

(2) When a flavouring has been added to table olives in order to render a distinctive specific flavour thereto, the product name shall be preceded by the descriptive name for the distinctive flavour concerned and the expression “X Flavoured”, or followed by the expression “with X Flavour” or “with X Flavouring”, where “X” indicates the name(s) of the flavouring(s) used, unless the flavourant concerned has been added with the intention to enhance the flavour of the stuffing or any other added foodstuff, herb and/ or spice concerned.

(3) The descriptor “Calamata style” or “Calamata type” may be indicated as part of the product name, or in close proximity thereto, in the case of table olives processed according to this particular method.

(4) The name of the variety and/or origin of the table olives may be indicated as part of the product name, or in close proximity thereto: Provided that it is true.

**Indicating the appropriate grade declaration**

16. The appropriate grade declaration shall be indicated on each container of table olives: Provided that --

- (a) the expression Extra Choice Grade may be substituted by the expression “Fancy Grade” or “A Grade”;
- (b) the expression Choice Grade may be substituted by the expression “First Grade”, “Select

Grade” or “B Grade”; and

- (c) the expression Standard Grade may be substituted by the expression “Second Grade” or “C grade”.

***Indicating the name and address***

17. The name and address of the manufacturer, packer, importer, seller or entity on whose behalf the table olives have been packed shall be indicated on every container: Provided that in the case where --

- (a) it is not possible to indicate the physical address, a postal address with a telephone number may be used instead; and
- (b) imported table olives indicate the address of the foreign manufacturer or packer only, a South African address for the importer, seller or entity on whose behalf the table olives have been packed shall in addition be indicated on each container.

***Indicating the country of origin***

18. (1) The country of origin shall be indicated as follows on each container of table olives:

- (a) "Product of (name of country)" if all the main ingredients, processing and labour used to make the product are from one specific country; or
- (b) "Produced in (name of country)", "Processed in (name of country)", "Manufactured in (name of country)", "Made in (name of country)", or wording having a similar meaning, when the product is processed in a second country which changes its nature; or
- (c) In the case where single ingredient agricultural commodities are imported in bulk and where owing to climatic, seasonal or other contingencies more than one country may be the source of the single ingredient agricultural commodity, the wording "Product of (name(s) of country(ies))" separated by the expression 'and/or', shall be declared on the container or label of the final pre-packed foodstuff: Provided that the final end product remains a single ingredient agricultural commodity.

(2) The words "Packed in (name of country)" may be used in addition to the requirements referred to in sub-regulation (1) above.

(3) The name(s) of the country(ies) indicated in terms of sub-regulations (1) and (2) above may not be abbreviated.

***Indicating the date marking or batch code or batch number***

19. (1) Each container of table olives shall be clearly marked with the date marking or batch code or batch number in such a way that the specific batch is easily identifiable and traceable.

- (2) (a) When a date marking appears on a container --
- (i) it shall be preceded by appropriate wording “best before” or “best quality before” and/or “use by”, and/or “expiration date”, depending on the nature of the table olives concerned;
- (ii) abbreviations of the preceding wording shall not be allowed, except in the case of “best before” where the abbreviation “BB” may be used;
- (iii) the date sequence shall be “day-month-year” (i.e. “dd/mm/yyyy”) when numbers only are used: Provided that in the case of imported products where an altered date sequence is used, the month shall be indicated in

letters, either written out in full or abbreviated, and the year shall be written out in full; and

- (iv) it shall not be removed or altered by any person.
- (b) When table olives are packed in an outer container, which will during normal usage be discarded by the consumer, the date marking shall, if indicated, appear on each individual container that will be retained by the consumer until consumption.

***Restricted particulars on containers and outer containers***

20. (1) (a) Only the applicable grade shall be marked on a container or outer container.
- (b) No word or expression which so nearly resembles the grade and/ or type of table olive that it could be misleading with regard to the quality of that product shall be marked on the container or outer container.
- (2) No word, mark, illustration, depiction or any other method of expression that constitutes a misrepresentation or directly or by implication creates or may create a misleading impression regarding the quality, nature, grade, origin or composition of table olives shall be marked on a container or outer container.
- (3) No claim regarding the absence of any substance that does not normally occur in table olives shall be marked on the container or outer container thereof, except in cases where it is allowed for in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972).
- (4) No claim which compares the total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, sugar, sodium or salt, or energy value of two or more similar table olive products by using words such as "reduced", "less than", "fewer", "light" and "lite", or words having a similar meaning, shall be made on the container or outer container thereof, unless the following conditions are complied with:
- (a) The table olive product shall be compared with a different version of the same or similar product.
  - (b) The table olive product being compared shall be clearly marked on the container with the following information:
    - (i) A statement of the amount of difference in the energy value or relevant nutrient content, expressed as a percentage.
    - (ii) The identity of the table olive product to which it is being compared in close proximity to or as part of the comparative claim.
  - (c) The comparison shall be based on a relative difference of at least 25% in the energy value or nutrient content of an equivalent mass or volume.
  - (d) The table olive product shall be marked with the prescribed nutritional information declaration required in terms of the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972).
- (5) Any depictions, illustrations, words or wording which emphasise the presence of an added foodstuff in table olives shall only be allowed on a container or outer container if the requirements of Quantitative Ingredient Declarations (QUID), as specified in the regulations published under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972), have been complied with.
- (6) The provisions of this regulation shall also apply to --
- (a) particulars that are marked on a notice board displayed at or in the immediate vicinity of table olives that are kept or displayed for sale; and

- (b) all advertisements for table olives.

**PART V  
SAMPLING AND INSPECTION**

***Sampling***

21. For the purpose of an inspection, grading and sampling for quality control, an inspector shall take such samples of a product, material, substance or other article in question as he or she may deem necessary.

***Working sample size***

22. (1) The minimum working sample size taken at random from each container sampled in accordance with regulation 21 shall consist of --

- (a) 200 table olives for the styles whole, cracked, pitted or stuffed when determining the maximum permissible deviations set out in regulation 23; and
- (b) 300 g of table olives for the styles broken, chopped, minced and sliced, as well as other segmented styles, when determining the maximum permissible deviations set out in regulation 23.

(2) In the case of smaller containers where the minimum working sample size stipulated in sub-regulation (1) above cannot be attained, the minimum working sample shall consist of the drained contents of each container.

***Permissible deviations***

23. (1) The maximum permissible quality deviations allowed for each grade are as follows, depending on the style concerned:

**TABLE 1**  
**PERMISSIBLE DEVIATIONS FOR THE STYLES WHOLE, CRACKED, SPLIT, PITTED OR STUFFED TABLE OLIVES**

Grade	Extra choice grade			Choice grade			Standard grade		
	Green Olives	Olives darkened by oxidation	Olives turning colour and black olives.	Green Olives	Olives darkened by oxidation	Olives turning colour and black olives.	Green Olives	Olives darkened by oxidation	Olives turning colour and black olives
<b>(i) Whole, cracked, split, pitted or stuffed table olives</b>									
<b>Quality factor</b>	<b>Maximum tolerance allowed as a percentage (%) of fruit</b>								
Blemished fruit	4*	4	6	6	6	8	10	6	12
Mutilated fruit	2	2	3	4	4	6	8	8	10
Shrivelled fruit	2	2	4	3	3	6	6	6	10
Abnormal texture	4	4	6	6	6	8	10	10	12
Abnormal colour	4	4	6	6	6	8	10	10	12
Stems	3	3	3	5	5	5	6	6	6
<b>Cumulative maximum tolerances allowed for the above defects</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Maximum tolerance allowed as units per kg or fraction thereof</b>									
Harmless extraneous material	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>(ii) Pitted or stuffed olives only</b>									
<b>Quality factor</b>	<b>Maximum tolerance allowed as a percentage (%) of fruit</b>								
Pits or pit fragments (average unit)	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Broken fruit	3	3	3	5	5	5	7	7	7
Defective stuffing when: - Place packed (i.e. table olives of the same style are placed in the container either in	1	1	1	2	2	2	5	5	5

Grade	Extra choice grade			Choice grade			Standard grade		
orderly symmetrical fashion, or in geometrical shapes) - Random (thrown) packed (i.e. table olives of the same style are not placed in an orderly fashion in the container)	3	3	3	5	5	5	7	7	7

\* In addition, at least 30% of the fruits shall be free from any blemishes

**TABLE 2  
PERMISSIBLE DEVIATIONS FOR THE STYLES BROKEN, CHOPPED, MINCED, AND SLICED TABLE OLIVES, AS WELL AS OTHER SEGMENTED STYLES OF TABLE OLIVES**

Quality factor	Green olives			Maximum tolerance allowed		
	Types of table olives	Olives darkened by oxidation	Olives turning colour and black olives			
Harmless extraneous material (units)	2	2	2			
Stems (units)	4	6	5			
Blemishes and wrinkles (%)	25	25	25			
Pits or pit fragments (average unit)	1	1	1			
Soft and excessive soft (%)	10/5	10/5	12/6			
Broken pieces among segmented/sliced olives (%)	50	50	50			

- (2) The maximum permissible deviations allowed for the declared drained mass are as follows:

**TABLE 3**  
**PERMISSIBLE DEVIATIONS FOR DRAINED MASS**  
**[REGULATION 10]**

Containers with a drained mass of:	Maximum drained mass deviation
<200g	10 %
≥200g <500g	10 %
≥500g <1 500g	10 %
≥1 500g	5 %

**Determination of drained mass**

24. The drained mass of table olives shall be determined using the following methods or any other international recognised and acceptable reference methods and procedures:

**TABLE 4**  
**METHODS FOR DETERMINING DRAINED MASS**

Provision	Method	Principle	Type
Drained mass	AOAC 968.30 (Codex general method for processed fruits and vegetables)	Sieving Gravimetry	I
	SABS SANS 458: 2011 (the latest version)		-

- Not specified

**PART VI**  
**OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

**Offences and penalties**

25. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction be liable to a fine or to imprisonment in accordance with section 11 of the Act.

**ANNEXURE A**

**LIST OF IMPORTED GI TABLE OLIVES PROTECTED UNDER THE EU SADC EPA**

Country	GI name
Greece	Elia Kalamatas
	Konservolia Amfissis







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