PRESENTATION FOR WTO-SPS THEMATIC SESSION ON CONTROL, INSPECTION AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES-
SOUTH AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE

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LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

National Legislation
- Agricultural Pests Act, 1983
- Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990
- Liquor Products Act, 1989
- Plant Improvement Act, 1976
- Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 1997
- Meat Safety Act, 2000
- Animal Diseases Act, 1984
- Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947

International obligations:
- WTO-SPS
  - IPPC
  - OIE
  - Codex
Trade Requirements

**Imports**
- Import permit
- Phytosanitary certificate / Veterinary certificate / Health Certificate
- Declaration at the port of entry

**Domestic**
- Movement permits (where there are control measures)
- Compliance to regulations (grading, labeling, content, germination rates etc)

**Investigations**
- Non-Compliance to regulations (orders, prosecutions, etc)
- Fraud
- Smuggling
Regulatory Processes

Document checks
- complete, consistent, valid and not fraudulent

Inspections
- consignment identity and integrity
- examination for pests, diseases or other non conformities

Regulatory decisions
- certifications, releases, destructions, refusal of entry, confiscations.
Important Role Players

- Travellers
- Regulators
- Producers
- Exporter / Importers
- Scientists

Market access & maintenance
Challenges in the SPS environment

Some diseases and pests that were introduced 2000:

- Classical Swine Fever,
- Foot and Mouth Disease;
- Equine Influenza;
- *Brucella canis*;
- American Foulbrood;
- Karnal Bunt;
- Fall Army Worm; and
- Oriental Fruit Fly.