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(Negotiating mandate stage) Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B 15B—2021] (NCOP), dated 22 August 2023 as follows:

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, having considered the subject of the Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B 15B—2021] (NCOP) referred to it in accordance with Standing Rule 217, confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP the authority to support the Bill. The Committee further proposes consideration of the following:

1. Clause 1: Definition: "audit"

It is submitted that affected industries gain the right to ensure that the costs associated with the auditing process are within limits acceptable to the relevant industry. The mere drafting and submission of a budget will not put the relevant industry in a strong enough position to ensure that unnecessary costs, which will have to be recovered from consumers, are not incurred.

2. Clause 2: Section 2 of the principal Act

It is submitted that it be more clearly put that assignees possess the necessary qualifications, product or industry knowledge in order to fulfil their tasks, as well as being free of any conflict of interest.

3. Clause 4: Section 3A of the Principal Act

It is submitted that on page 3, line 50, the word "formation" be replaced with the word "information".

4. Memorandum on the objects of the Amendment Bill

It is submitted that on page 5, point number 1.2, second sentence, that the word "audition" be replaced with the word "auditing".

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