



SAMAC
Macadamias South Africa NPC

Food Business Operator Regulations

Growers



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Regulatory overview



Agricultural Products Standards Act 1990 (Act No 119 of 1990)

- Regulates the grading, packing, and marking of agricultural products intended for sale in South Africa or for export. It aims to ensure quality standards and consumer protection through the inspection and certification of products.

Government Gazette Notice R707 of 13 May 2005

- Promulgates the standards regarding food hygiene and food safety for regulated agricultural food products of plant origin intended for export.

Government Gazette Notice R3484 of 2 June 2023

- Expands food safety requirements to include the export of tree nuts the Agricultural Product Standards Act of 1990.



Regulatory overview



**Agricultural Products
Standards Act**
Standards for agricultural
products intended for export

R707 of 2005
Standards for agricultural
products of plant origin

R3484 of 2023
Includes Tree Nuts



What does this mean for Processors?



In summary, South African regulations mandate that Processors of tree nuts:

1. **Register as Food Business Operators (FBOs)** to ensure accountability and traceability in the food supply chain.
2. **Obtain food safety accreditation** to maintain food safety and quality standards, especially for products intended for export.
3. **Growers** must also register as FBOs and implement a management control system on-farm (to be phased in).
4. Processors must keep **records** of their growers' FBO codes.



Types of acceptable accreditation- Processors

At the Processor level, the following accreditations are accepted:



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In summary, South African regulations mandate that primary producers (Growers) of tree nuts:

1. **Register as Food Business Operators (FBOs)** to ensure accountability and traceability in the food supply chain.
2. **Implement a management control system** on-farm (to be phased in).
3. Provide your processor with your **FBO code**.



Types of acceptable accreditation- Growers

At the Grower level, the following accreditations are accepted:



Industry-specific
G.A.P.

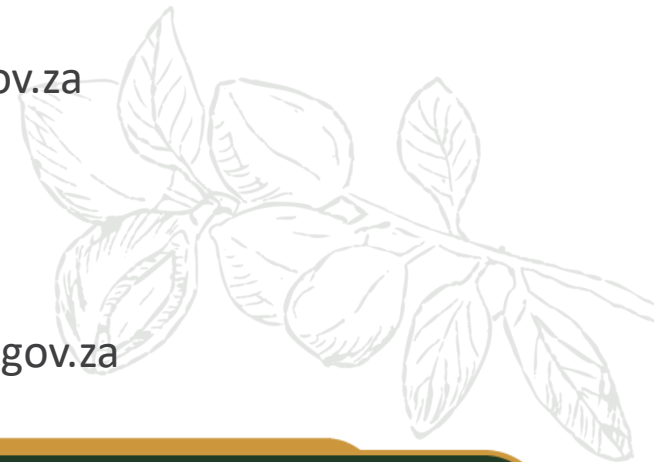


How to register as an FBO

1. Complete [Application Form](#)
 - Available on SAMAC website on the Info Hub.

2. Send application form to:

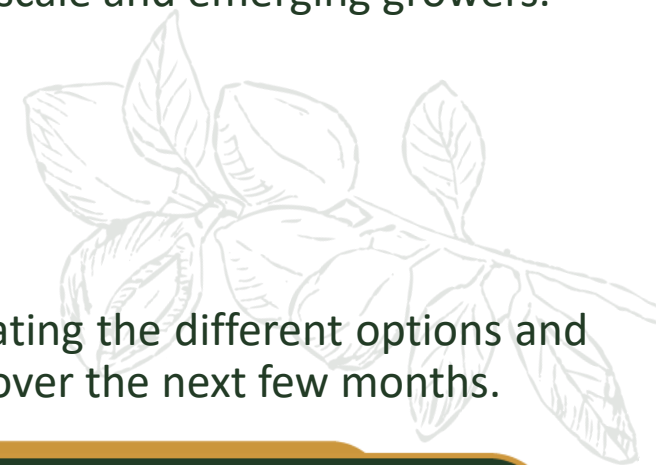
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On-farm Accreditation



- On farm-accreditation will be phased-in.
- Timeline still to be determined- first phase is to focus on registering as FBO.
- Accreditation will involve either a Global G.A.P, S.A. G.A.P. or an industry-specific G.A.P.
- Several other industries are pursuing industry-specific options, in order to place less stringent requirements on small-scale and emerging growers.
 - Raisins
 - Potatoes
 - Pecans
- SAMAC will be investigating the different options and engaging with PPCECB over the next few months.



Timeline

FBO Registrations

30 June 2025

On-farm accreditation

To be determined





Questions?

