

**The South African Avocado Growers' Association NPC
(SAAGA)**



PAIA MANUAL

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1. LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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| 1.1 | “CEO” | Chief Executive Officer. |
| 1.2 | “DIO” | Deputy Information Officer. |
| 1.3 | “IO” | Information Officer. |
| 1.4 | “Minister” | Minister of Justice and Correctional Services. |
| 1.5 | “PAIA” | Promotion of Access to Information Act No. 2 of 2000 (as Amended). |
| 1.6 | “POPIA” | Protection of Personal Information Act No.4 of 2013. |
| 1.7 | “Regulator” | Information Regulator. |
| 1.8 | “Republic” | Republic of South Africa. |
| 1.9 | “SAAGA” | The South African Avocado Growers’ Association NPC. |
| 1.10 | “Subtrop” | The South African Subtropical Growers’ Association, which is an association of associations managing the affairs of the SA Avocado, Litchi and Mango Growers’ Associations. |

2. PURPOSE OF PAIA MANUAL

This PAIA Manual is useful for the public to-

- 2.1 check the categories of records held by a body which are available without a person having to submit a formal PAIA request;
- 2.2 have a sufficient understanding of how to make a request for access to a record of the body, by providing a description of the subjects on which the body holds records and the categories of records held on each subject;

- 2.3 know the description of the records of the body which are available in accordance with any other legislation;
- 2.4 access all the relevant contact details of the Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer who will assist the public with the records they intend to access;
- 2.5 know the description of the guide on how to use PAIA, as updated by the Regulator and how to obtain access to it;
- 2.6 know if the body will process personal information, the purpose of processing of personal information and the description of the categories of data subjects and of the information or categories of information relating thereto;
- 2.7 know the description of the categories of data subjects and of the information or categories of information relating thereto;
- 2.8 know the recipients or categories of recipients to whom the personal information may be supplied;
- 2.9 know if the body has planned to transfer or process personal information outside the Republic of South Africa and the recipients or categories of recipients to whom the personal information may be supplied; and
- 2.10 know whether the body has appropriate security measures to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the personal information which is to be processed.

3. KEY CONTACT DETAILS FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION OF SAAGA

3.1. Information Officer

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3.3 Head Office

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Telephone: 015 307 3676

Email: info@subtrop.co.za

Website: www.avocado.co.za

Note: Subtrop manages the affairs of SAAGA. SAAGA does not have any employees. Subtrop employees carry out SAAGA's activities. Human resources policies etc. fall under Subtrop.

4. GUIDE ON HOW TO USE PAIA AND HOW TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE GUIDE

4.1. The Regulator has, in terms of section 10(1) of PAIA, as amended, updated and made available the revised Guide on how to use PAIA ("Guide"), in an easily comprehensible form and manner, as may reasonably be required by a person who wishes to exercise any right contemplated in PAIA and POPIA.

4.2. The Guide is available in each of the official languages and in braille.

4.3. The aforesaid Guide contains the description of-

4.3.1. the objects of PAIA and POPIA;

4.3.2. the postal and street address, phone and fax number and, if available, electronic mail address of-

4.3.2.1. the Information Officer of every public body, and

4.3.2.2. every Deputy Information Officer of every public and private body designated in terms of section 17(1) of PAIA¹ and section 56 of POPIA²;

4.3.3. the manner and form of a request for-

¹ Section 17(1) of PAIA- For the purposes of PAIA, each public body must, subject to legislation governing the employment of personnel of the public body concerned, designate such number of persons as deputy information officers as are necessary to render the public body as accessible as reasonably possible for requesters of its records.

² Section 56(a) of POPIA- Each public and private body must make provision, in the manner prescribed in section 17 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, with the necessary changes, for the designation of such a number of persons, if any, as deputy information officers as is necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities as set out in section 55(1) of POPIA.

- 4.3.3.1. access to a record of a public body contemplated in section 11³;
and
- 4.3.3.2. access to a record of a private body contemplated in section 50⁴;
- 4.3.4. the assistance available from the IO of a public body in terms of PAIA and POPIA;
- 4.3.5. the assistance available from the Regulator in terms of PAIA and POPIA;
- 4.3.6. all remedies in law available regarding an act or failure to act in respect of a right or duty conferred or imposed by PAIA and POPIA, including the manner of lodging-
 - 4.3.6.1. an internal appeal;
 - 4.3.6.2. a complaint to the Regulator; and
 - 4.3.6.3. an application with a court against a decision by the information officer of a public body, a decision on internal appeal or a decision by the Regulator or a decision of the head of a private body;
- 4.3.7. the provisions of sections 14⁵ and 51⁶ requiring a public body and private body, respectively, to compile a manual, and how to obtain access to a manual;

³ Section 11(1) of PAIA- A requester must be given access to a record of a public body if that requester complies with all the procedural requirements in PAIA relating to a request for access to that record; and access to that record is not refused in terms of any ground for refusal contemplated in Chapter 4 of this Part.

⁴ Section 50(1) of PAIA- A requester must be given access to any record of a private body if-

- a) that record is required for the exercise or protection of any rights;
- b) that person complies with the procedural requirements in PAIA relating to a request for access to that record; and
- c) access to that record is not refused in terms of any ground for refusal contemplated in Chapter 4 of this Part.

⁵ Section 14(1) of PAIA- The information officer of a public body must, in at least three official languages, make available a manual containing information listed in paragraph 4 above.

⁶ Section 51(1) of PAIA- The head of a private body must make available a manual containing the description of the information listed in paragraph 4 above.

- 4.3.8. the provisions of sections 15⁷ and 52⁸ providing for the voluntary disclosure of categories of records by a public body and private body, respectively;
- 4.3.9. the notices issued in terms of sections 22⁹ and 54¹⁰ regarding fees to be paid in relation to requests for access; and
- 4.3.10. the regulations made in terms of section 92¹¹.
- 4.4. Members of the public can inspect or make copies of the Guide from the offices of the public and private bodies, including the office of the Regulator, during normal working hours.
- 4.5. The Guide can also be obtained-
 - 4.5.1. upon request to the Information Officer;
 - 4.5.2. from the website of the Regulator (<https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/>).
or <https://inforegulator.org.za>

⁷ Section 15(1) of PAIA- The information officer of a public body, must make available in the prescribed manner a description of the categories of records of the public body that are automatically available without a person having to request access

⁸ Section 52(1) of PAIA- The head of a private body may, on a voluntary basis, make available in the prescribed manner a description of the categories of records of the private body that are automatically available without a person having to request access

⁹ Section 22(1) of PAIA- The information officer of a public body to whom a request for access is made, must by notice require the requester to pay the prescribed request fee (if any), before further processing the request.

¹⁰ Section 54(1) of PAIA- The head of a private body to whom a request for access is made must by notice require the requester to pay the prescribed request fee (if any), before further processing the request.

¹¹ Section 92(1) of PAIA provides that –“The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, make regulations regarding-
(a) any matter which is required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed;
(b) any matter relating to the fees contemplated in sections 22 and 54;
(c) any notice required by this Act;
(d) uniform criteria to be applied by the information officer of a public body when deciding which categories of records are to be made available in terms of section 15; and
(e) any administrative or procedural matter necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Act.”

5. CATEGORIES OF RECORDS OF SAAGA WHICH ARE AVAILABLE WITHOUT A PERSON HAVING TO REQUEST ACCESS

Category of records	Types of the Record	Available on Website	Available upon request
Avocado industry info	Industry overview	x	x
	Production statistics	x	x
	Tree census	x	x
Consumer information	Cultivars & Ripening	x	x
	Nutritional information	x	x
	Recipes	x	x
Trade information	Export market supply data	x	x
	List of SAAGA exporters	x	x
	List of packhouses	x	x
	List of accredited nurseries	x	x
	List of processors	x	x

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS OF SAAGA WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY OTHER LEGISLATION

Category of Records	Applicable Legislation
Memorandum of incorporation	Companies Act 71 of 2008
PAIA Manual	Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000

7. DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECTS ON WHICH THE BODY HOLDS RECORDS AND CATEGORIES OF RECORDS HELD ON EACH SUBJECT BY SAAGA

Subjects on which the body holds records	Categories of records
Members, suppliers and service providers	Membership list and contact details Supplier and service provider lists and contact details
Financial	Accounting records Financial statements
Human resources	HR policies & procedures Employee records Advertised posts
Contracts	Service providers Contracted research
Technical and research	Results of technical research and technical information relating to avocados.
Production information	Avocado production figures Export and distribution information Tree census information

8. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

8.1 Purpose of Processing Personal Information

SAAGA uses the personal information of its members and service providers to ensure effective communication with its members and service providers.

Contact information of stakeholders such as relevant government officials is held to enable effective liaison and communication.

Production, census and export information is kept to compile aggregated reports made available to members.

8.2 Description of the categories of Data Subjects and of the information or categories of information relating thereto

Categories of Data Subjects	Personal Information that may be processed
Members & key stakeholders	Names, address, email address, cell number, tree census data.
Service Providers	Names, email address registration number, vat numbers, address, trade secrets and bank details
Employees	Name, address, ID number qualifications, gender and race, bank details, training, employment contracts.

8.3 The recipients or categories of recipients to whom the personal information may be supplied

Category of personal information	Recipients or Categories of Recipients to whom the personal information may be supplied
Identity number and names, for criminal checks	South African Police Services
Qualifications, for qualification verifications	South African Qualifications Authority
Credit and payment history, for credit information	Credit Bureaus

8.4 Planned transborder flows of personal information

SAAGA's membership database is hosted by Microsoft Azure (cloud)

SAAGA's accounting information is on Patsel (cloud)

8.5 General description of Information Security Measures to be implemented by the responsible party to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the information

Azure and Pastel are secure cloud systems.

Staff members have signed confidentiality agreements and are aware that they may not divulge personal information.

A firewall and antivirus and antimalware software are in place.

9. AVAILABILITY OF THE MANUAL

9.1 A copy of the Manual is available-

9.1.1 on www.avocado.co.za, if any;

9.1.2 head office of SAAGA for public inspection during normal business hours;

9.1.3 to any person upon request and upon the payment of a reasonable prescribed fee; and

9.1.4 to the Information Regulator upon request.

9.2 A fee for a copy of the Manual, as contemplated in annexure B of the Regulations, shall be payable per each A4-size photocopy made.

10. UPDATING OF THE MANUAL

The head of SAAGA will on a regular basis update this manual.

Issued by



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