Dear Suppliers (*Yagdan Manufacturing Pty(Ltd) t/a Azapak*)

This request for information is made considering **requirements for substances in packaging** laid down in art. 5 of the Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC ("PPWR")[1].

The purpose of this request is to learn from our packaging suppliers what is their readiness to comply with the aforementioned requirements and how to demonstrate compliance of packaging materials, including food-contact packaging materials supplied to *Dole South Africa* with these requirements.

Please provide answers to the following questions and ensure that all statements made in this form are truthful and correct:

[Question 1 plus Appendix 1 is only for **food-contact** packaging suppliers]

1. PFAS

QUESTION 1. As of today, do all food-contact packaging materials supplied to *Dole South Africa* contain no PFAS (as defined by the PPWR[2]), in a concentration equal to or above the limit values determined in art. 5.5 of PPWR?

Check "Yes" only if your food-contact packaging materials fall below *all three* limits listed below:

xYes **☐No**

If "No", check below which limit is in excess and please attach phase-out plan by completing the form in **Appendix No 1**:

PFAS Limit (as per PPWR Art. 5.5)	**Answers**
(a) 25 ppb for any PFAS (excluding polymeric PFAS)	☐
(b) 250 ppb total PFAS (sum, with prior degradation of precursors, polymeric PFAS excluded)	☐
(c) 50 ppm total PFAS including polymeric; fluorine check ≥50 mg/kg	☐

[1] Full text here: Regulation - EU - 2025/40 - EN - EUR-Lex

[2] 'PFAS' means any substance that contains at least one fully fluorinated methyl (CF_3-) or methylene (-CF_2-) carbon atom (without any H/Cl/Br/I attached to it), except substances that only contain the following structural elements: CF_3-X or X-CF_2-X', where X = -OR or -NRR' and X' = methyl (-CH_3), methylene (-CH_2-), an aromatic group, a carbonyl group (-C (O)-), -OR'', -SR'' or –NR''R'''; and where R/R'/R''/R''' is a hydrogen (-H), methyl (-CH_3), methylene (-CH_2-), an aromatic group or a carbonyl group (-C(O)-).

[Question 2 is for **food contact and non-food-contact** packaging suppliers]

2. HEAVY METALS

QUESTION 2: Is the sum of concentrations of lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium resulting from substances present in any packaging materials supplied to *Dole South Africa* within the limit determined in art. 5.4 of PPWR?

Heavy metals limit (as per PPWR Art. 5.4)	**Answer**
Sum of concentration of lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium below 100 mg/kg	x Yes ☐ No ☐ No under condition*

**To glass packaging materials covered by the rules of the Commission Decision 2001/171/EC, this decision continues to apply until changed by the implementation acts.*

By completing this form, Supplier:

1) Confirms that all the answers provided are truthful and correct;
2) Commits to informing *Dole South Africa* immediately of any changes to the information provided.

Please complete this form and send to the following: Daniel Lewis

Supplier Name: Yagdan Manufacturing

Name of Supplier's representative filling in the form: Waseema Latief

Title: QC

Date: 07.04.2026

Appendix 1 – Use of PFAS in food-contact packaging materials & Phase-out Plan

1. Please complete the following table or provide an equivalent document to provide details regarding current uses of PFAS in food-contact packaging materials used to manufactured *indicate the name of your company* products.

Item	Specification Number/Reference	PFAS substituted/ removal or reduction without substitution	Timing to reduce/phase-out	Timing for availability of new material for trial purposes
		☐ Substituted ☐ Removal/reduction		