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REDSUN RAISIN REPORT #2 -2022 February SOUTH AFRICAN RAISIN CROP

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS REPORT

- South African Raisin crop predictions.
- It is raining in the Raisin Producing area
- Prices for the 2022 crop
- Food Safety advancement at Redsun
- Shipping from Redsun

South African Raisin crop predictions.

The initial 2022 raisin crop estimate for South Africa was 88,000mt. Redsun is aiming to buy 15,000mt of farmer's stock raisins during 2022 crop. As of today, Redsun has "contracted" 15600mt with farmers. In that mix we have the following makeup;

Thompson mediums	7,000 mt
Thompson medium chemical free	260 mt
Thompson medium organic	153 mt
Golden medium	3,000 mt
Flame medium	1,333mt
SA Sultanas medium	193 mt
OR Sultana medium	6 mt
Currants	920 mt

The remaining quantity are jumbos and bolds.



It is raining in the Raisin Producing area

Over the past three days, there has been an average of 50mm in the Orange River region. Very little rain has fallen in the Vredendal region. Similarly, rain has not affected raisin production in Namibia. Unfortunately, 75% of the raisin crop of South Africa is grown in the lower Orange River basin. There has been some effect on the raisin crop.

1. There will be a lower volume caused by bursting grapes and damage on the drying facilities. It is not possible to quantify the actual volume as yet, but the matter will be clearer in the next 10 days. Our estimate is a loss of about 8000 mt. (new adjusted crop size will be 80,000mt).
2. The sugar development process (ripening process) for the grapes has been temporarily suspended in many of the vines. The reason is downey mildew (mould) developing on the leaves. The cause of the mould is the moisture, and the moisture surrounding the root system.
3. Grapes will be damaged around the capstem (swart-bekkie potential). This will affect the volume of goldens to be made. We are not sure how much less, but it could affect the price for choice grade.
4. We think there will be more SA sultanas made by farmers than originally calculated. There will be fewer Thompsons and goldens as a result.

The weather report for the next 10 days shows open, sunny sky with hot dry weather. The temperature will be 38 -42°C. It is an ideal opportunity to harvest the grapes, even if the sugars are lower than they should be for Thompson. Making sultanas will facilitate fast drying. It will be a risk for the farmer.

If the sultanas are on the drying facility when the next round of rain arrives, the sultanas will be permanently damaged, due to the fast re-absorption of water. We are watching the tropical storms moving in off the Indian Ocean over Madagascar, which will move down to our region in SA. There will be more rain according to the weather predictions.



Augrabies Falls, Orange River 80km from Redsun factory 7 January 2021



Augrabies Falls 27 January 2022

Prices for the 2022 crop

Prices are now out from processors to farmers. Pricing is stable for now, without processors juggling prices to secure greater volumes. That may change if there is more rain. Please let us know how we can assist with prices directed to your destination.

The following prices were discussed with farmer.

Thompson medium choice	USD 2250- 2300
Golden medium choice	USD 2600
Flame medium choice	USD 2150 -2200
Currants Choice	USD 1800
OR Sultanas medium choice	USD 2400
SA Sultana medium choice	USD 1900 - 2000
Golden jumbo choice	USD 4300
Thompson jumbo choice	USD 1900
Black (Flame Type) Jumbo choice	USD 1900

There are per mt CFR MEP

Food Safety advancement at Redsun

The Redsun factory is now processing using the “triple technology treatment”. The purpose of this technology is to take the Redsun product to a new level of **food safety**. Effective from now, the new product flow is designed to remove every type of foreign object that can be found in the raisins.

Lazer scanner	to sort the raisins visually for foreign objects and colour,
Chemical Image scanner	to sort the raisins according to chemical or DNA identification to remove foreign objects, organic or not organic even if it looks like a raisin.
X-Ray scanner	to remove solid matter imbedded in the raisin berry itself.

Attached is the updated product flow for the Redsun factory. please let us know if we can supply your Compliance department with the full scope of upgraded documentation to incorporate these radical changes on our washing line. Contact people at Redsun are Rudi@redsun.co.za or Zanel@redsun.co.za


Shipping from Redsun

Shipping has been affected in terms of pricing, with an average increase of about USD 55 per mt. The benefit is the delays at Cape Town port are becoming fewer. Now we are up to date with receipt of containers for shipments. There are occasional delays caused by weather conditions and inefficiencies at the Port.

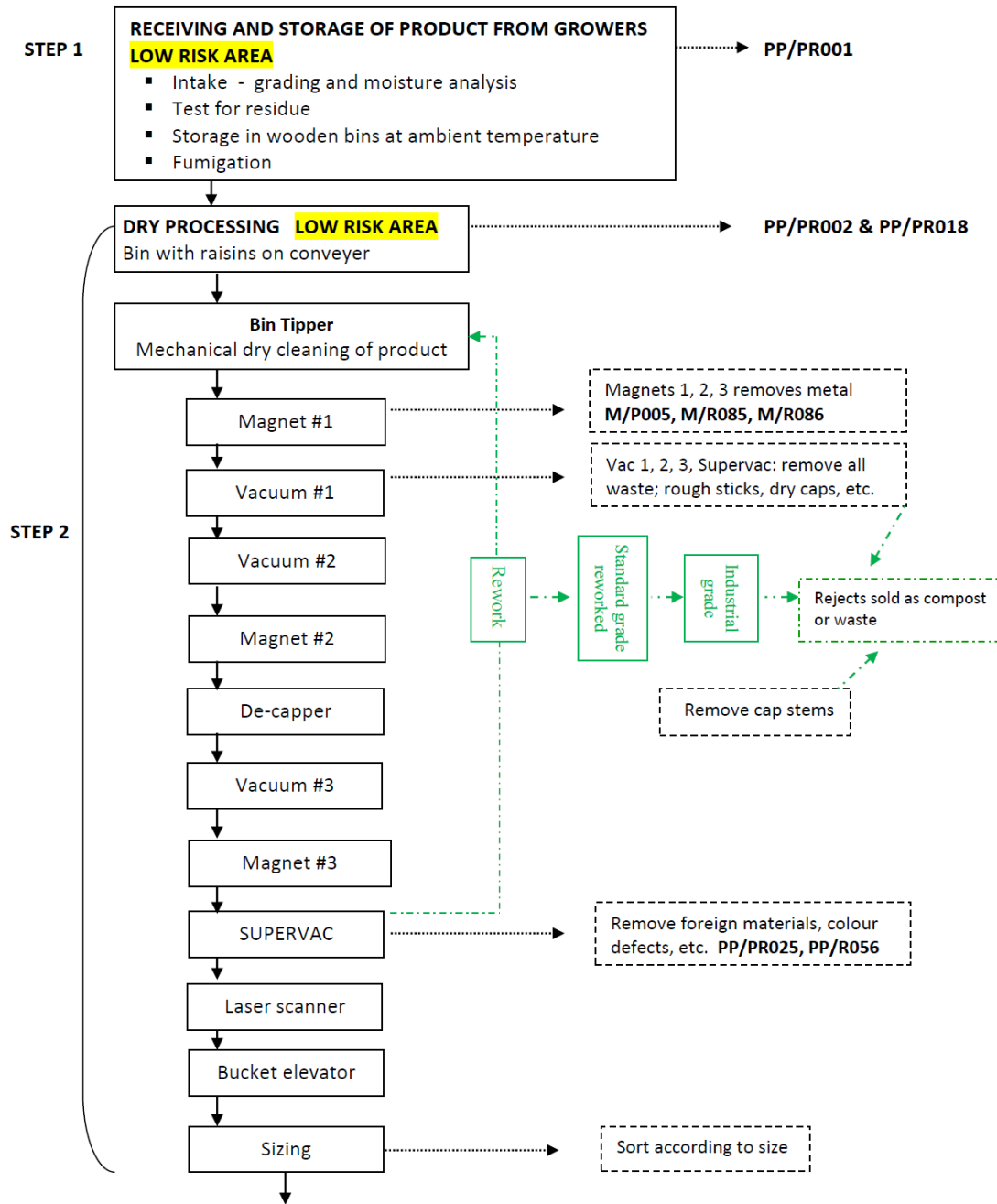
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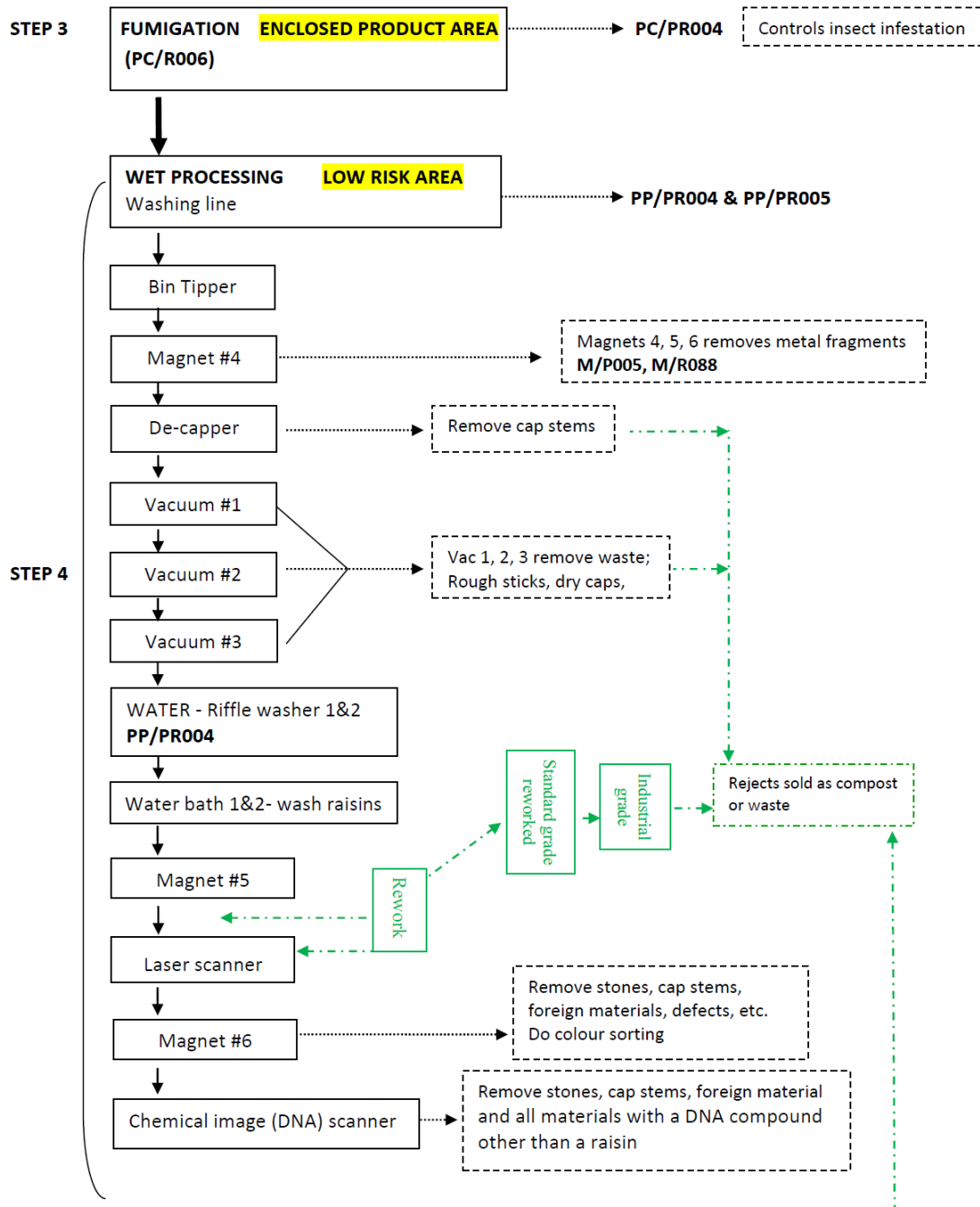
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PRODUCT FLOW DIAGRAM - RAISINS (DRIED GRAPES)




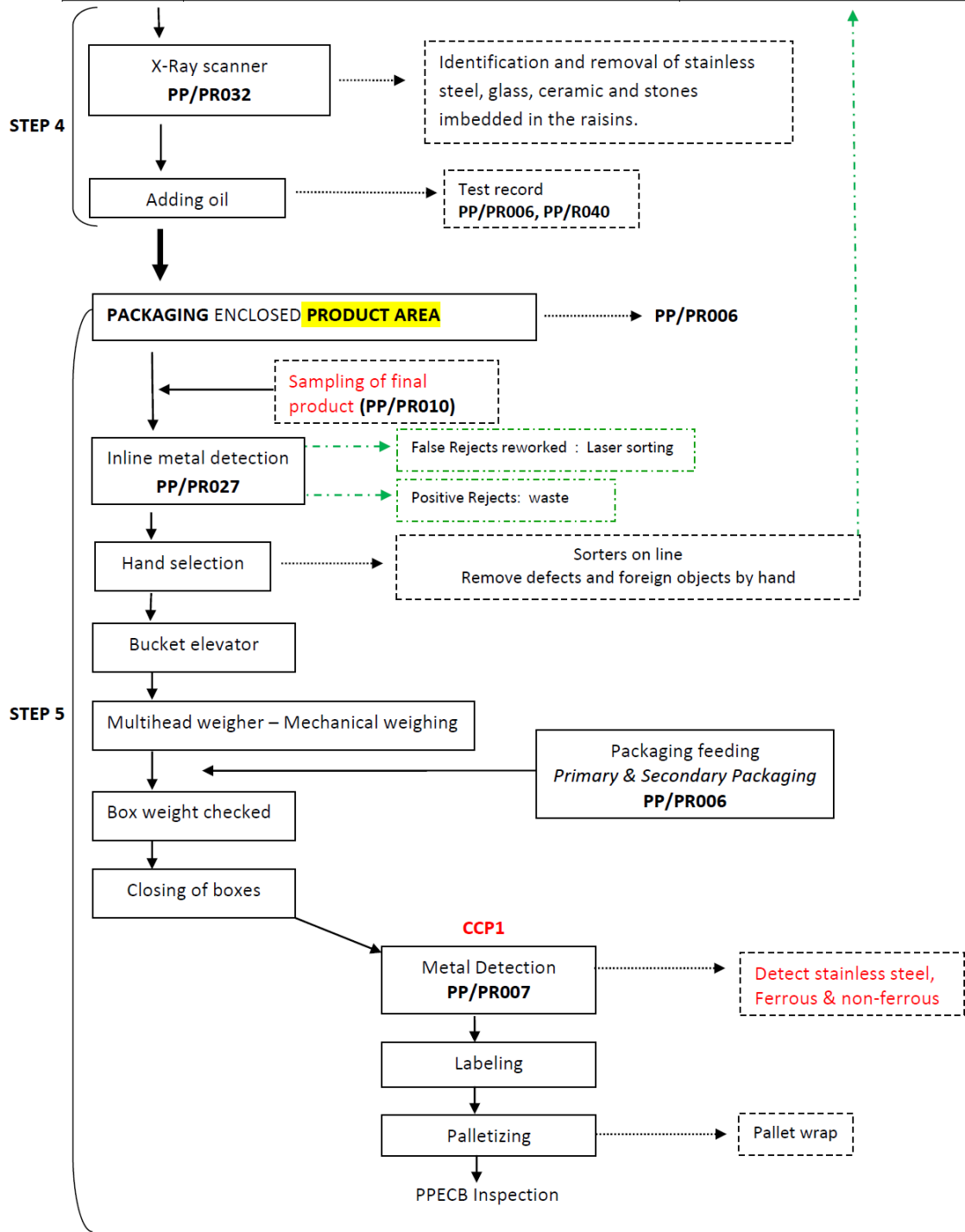
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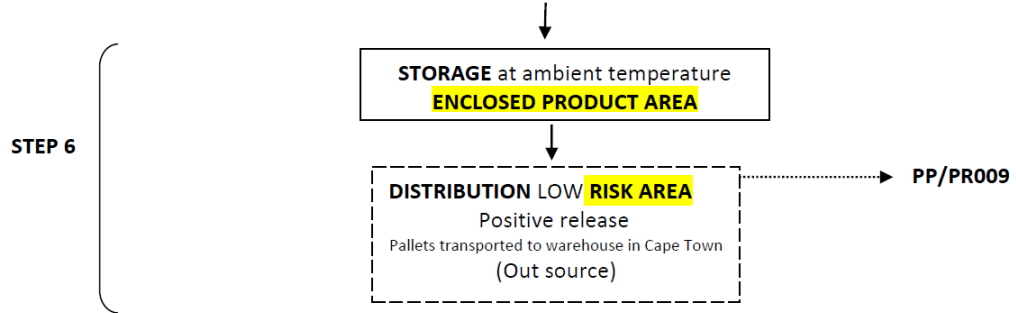
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