

Poultry Association commends crackdown on sales of expired meat

The South African Poultry Association (SAPA) has commended Gauteng officials for raids on shops selling expired meat, including chicken. The raids were led by Faith Mazibuko, Gauteng community safety MEC, and Elian Mawela, Gauteng provincial police commissioner and led to the removal of expired meat products from shops in Evaton and Orange Farm south of Johannesburg. SAPA says this crackdown is in the interests of public health and safety, and it encourages health officials in other provinces to crackdown on the sale of expired meat products.

"There is no shortage of fresh chicken in South Africa, despite the impact of Covid-19, so there is no excuse for shops selling meat past its sell-by dates - a potentially dangerous threat to consumers' health. South Africa's poultry farmers are producing more than enough chicken to feed the nation, and our supply chains are ensuring that it reaches all retailers across the country," GM of SAPA's broiler organisation, Izaak Breitenbach said.

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