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INTERNATIONAL
FOOD MARKET

Cold Stores Technician

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1. About Us

Mpumalanga International FoodMarket (MIF), is a new platform for connecting production, opportunity, and demand - creating a fresh start for farmers, traders, buyers, job seekers and the national food economy. It is not simply another place for work, but a modern workplace and hub for human connection.

2. Job Specification

Personnel (2x) to serve as Cold Stores Technician (CST), to manage temperature-controlled storage facilities and ensure the safe handling of perishable products. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining cold chain compliance, monitoring storage conditions, coordinating warehouse activities and supporting food safety and quality assurance requirements across cold storage operations.

3. Core Responsibilities

- Cold Storage Operations: Monitor and maintain cold rooms, freezers, and temperature-controlled storage facilities within prescribed temperature and humidity ranges; Conduct routine inspections of refrigeration systems, door seals, and airflow to prevent temperature fluctuations and product spoilage.
- Food Safety and Quality Control: Enforce Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) standards and applicable occupational health and safety requirements within cold storage facilities; Monitor product quality and obtain compliance reports relating to chemical residue testing and food safety standards where applicable.
- Reporting and Coordination: Prepare and submit accurate operational, quality, and storage reports according to agreed schedules, Liaise with trading operations, market departments, and other internal stakeholders to ensure efficient facility operations.
- Stakeholder Engagement: Attend industry meetings, conferences, symposiums, and pre- and post-harvest engagements relevant to fresh produce storage and handling, Conduct stakeholder and farmer visits according to approved schedules and provide feedback reports to management.
- Financial Administration: Support the management of the section's operational budget and ensure resources are utilized efficiently.

4. Required Qualifications & Skills

- Experience: 1 to 3 years of experience in cold storage operations, warehouse management, fresh produce handling or food processing.
- Qualifications: Grade 12 (Matric) required. A Diploma or Certificate in Refrigeration, Cold Chain Management, Food Technology, Agriculture, Logistics, Warehouse Management, or a related field will be advantageous.
- Good verbal and written communication skills with the ability to engage effectively with internal and external stakeholders.
- Attention to Detail: Strong monitoring and record-keeping skills with a focus on quality and compliance.
- Problem Solving: Ability to identify operational issues and take corrective action to maintain product quality and storage efficiency.
- Technical Skills: Understanding of refrigeration systems, cold chain management principles, food safety standards, and inventory control procedures.

5. Job Application

MIF has partnered with the Department of Employment and Labour to facilitate and handle all job applications through the Department's Employment Services of South Africa (ESSA)

6. How to apply

- If you have an Active ESSA Online Account, visit the portal and click on Search Opportunity using the Reference Number listed above and submit the application.
- To create an Active ESSA Online Account, visit the link <https://essa.labour.gov.za/EssaOnline/WebBeans/> and follow the guidelines listed below.
 1. Capture the email address
 2. A password will be sent to your email address
 3. Use your ID Number as a **Username**
 4. Copy the password received and paste or type it on the log in the screen
 5. Complete all sections on ESSA

NOTE: The above is the only channel available to access job opportunities at MIF.



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