



# **Policy on Materiality of Related Party Transaction**

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## **Policy on Materiality of Related Party Transaction**

### **1. Preamble**

The listed entity shall formulate a policy on materiality of related party transactions and on dealing with related party transactions [including clear threshold limits duly approved by the board of directors and such policy shall be reviewed by the board of directors at least once every three years and updated accordingly

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Heritage Foods Limited (the “Company” or “HFL”), has adopted the following policy and procedures with regard to Related Party Transactions as defined below. The Board/ Audit Committee will review and may amend this policy from time to time.

This policy will be applicable to the Company. This policy is to regulate transactions between the Company and its Related Parties based on the applicable laws and regulations applicable on the Company.

### **2. Purpose**

This policy is framed as per requirement of Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015, as amended from time to time and intended to ensure the proper approval and reporting of transactions between the Company and its Related Parties. Such transactions are appropriate only if they are in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. The Company is required to disclose each year in the Financial Statements certain transactions between the Company and Related Parties as well as policies concerning transactions with Related Parties.

### **3. Definitions**

**“Act”** means Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules framed there under, including any modifications, amendments, clarifications, circulars or re-enactments thereof.

**“Arm’s length price”**, pursuant to Income tax Act, 1961, OECD guidelines, Advance Rulings from tax authorities, judicial pronouncements), and other applicable provisions from time to time, means a price which is applied or proposed to be applied in a transaction between persons other than associated enterprises, in uncontrolled conditions;

**“Arm’s length transaction”** means a transaction between two related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated, so that there is no conflict of interest.

**“Audit Committee or Committee”** means Committee of Board of Directors of the Company constituted under provisions of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 and section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013.”

**“Board”** means Board of Directors of the Company

**“Control”** shall have the same meaning as defined in SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011

**“Key Managerial Personnel”** means key managerial personnel as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 and includes

- i. Managing Director, or Chief Executive Officer or manager and in their absence, a whole-time director;
- ii. Company Secretary; and
- iii. Chief Financial Officer

**“Material Related Party Transaction”** means a transaction with a related party if the transaction / transactions to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds ten percent of the annual consolidated turnover of the company as per the last audited financial statements of the company.

A transaction involving payments made to a related party with respect to brand usage or royalty shall be considered material if the transaction(s) to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceed five percent of the annual consolidated turnover of the listed entity as per the last audited financial statements of the listed entity.

**“Policy”** means Policy on Materiality of Related Party Transaction

**“Related Party”** means related party as defined in SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 which is as follows”

A ‘related party’ is a person or entity that is related to the company. Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise

significant influence over the other party, directly or indirectly, in making financial and/or operating decisions and includes the following:

1. A person or a close member of that person's family is related to a company if that person:

a. is a related party under Section 2(76) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereof, which are as follows:

- i. a director or his relative ;
- ii. a key managerial personnel or his relative ;
- iii. a firm, in which a director, manager or his relative is a partner ;
- iv. a private company in which a director or manager or his/her relative is a member or director ;
- v. a public company in which a director or manager is a director and holds along with his relatives, more than two per cent of its paid-up share capital ;
- vi. any Body Corporate whose Board of directors, managing director, or manager is accustomed to act in accordance with the advice, directions or instructions of a director or manager ;
- vii. any person on whose advice, directions or instructions a director or manager is accustomed to act :

Provided that nothing in sub-clauses (vi) and (vii) shall apply to the advice, directions or instructions given in a professional capacity;

viii. any Body Corporate which is –

- a. a holding, subsidiary or an associate company of such company ; or
- b. a subsidiary of a holding company to which it is also a subsidiary ;
- c. an investing company or the venture of the company;
- ix. Director or key managerial personnel of the holding company or his relative with reference to a company; or
- b. has control or joint control or significant influence over the company; or
- c. is a key management personnel of the company or of a parent of the company; or
- d. is a related party as per the applicable Accounting Standard(s);

2. An entity is related to a company if any of the following conditions applies:

a. The entity is a related party under Section 2(76) of the Companies Act, 2013; or

- b. The entity and the company are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others); or
- c. One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member); or
- d. Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party; or
- e. One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity; or
- f. The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the company or an entity related to the company. If the company is itself such a plan, the sponsoring employers are also related to the company; or
- g. The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (1),,
- h. A person identified in (1)(b) has significant influence over the entity (or of a parent of the entity);

[The following shall also be treated as the Related Party –

- a. all persons or entities forming part of promoter or promoter group irrespective of their shareholding
- b. any person/entity holding equity shares in the listed entity, as below, either directly or on a beneficial interest basis at any time during the immediately preceding financial year:
  - i. to the extent of 20 % or more
  - ii. to the extent of 10% or more w.e.f. April 1, 2023].

**"Related Party Transaction"** means for the purpose of the Act, specified transaction mentioned in clause (a) to (g) of sub section 1 of section 188, which means any contract or arrangement with a related party with respect to:

- a) Sale, purchase or supply of any goods or materials ;
- b) Selling or otherwise disposing of, or buying, property of any kind ;
- c) Leasing of property of any kind ;
- d) Availing or rendering of any services ;
- e) Appointment of any agent for purchase or sale of goods, materials, services or property ;

- f) Such related party's appointment to any office or place of profit in the company, its subsidiary company or associate company; and
- g) Underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof, of the company Related party transaction also included a transfer of resources, services or obligations between a listed entity and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged and a “transaction” with a related party shall be construed to include a single or a group of transactions in a contract.

Provided that this definition shall not be applicable for the units issued by mutual funds which are listed on a recognised stock exchange(s);

[The RPT shall include transactions between

- a. the Company or any of its subsidiaries on one hand and a related party of the Company or any of its subsidiaries on the other hand;
- b. the Company or any of its subsidiaries on one hand, and any other person or entity on the other hand, the purpose and effect of which is to benefit a related party of the Company or any of its subsidiaries w.e.f. April 1, 2023.]

**“Relative”** means relative as defined under the sub-section (77) of section (2) of Companies Act, 2013 and includes anyone who is related to another, if –

- i. They are members of a Hindu undivided family;
- ii. They are husband and wife ; or
- iii. Father (including step-father)
- iv. Mother (including step-mother)
- v. Son (including step-son)
- vi. Son’s wife
- vii. Daughter
- viii. Daughter’s husband
- ix. Brother (including step-brother)
- x. Sister (including step-sister)

#### **4. Manner of dealing with related party transactions**

All Related Party Transactions must be reported to the Audit Committee and referred for approval by the Committee in accordance with this Policy.

#### **4.1. Identification of Potential Related Party Transactions**

Each director and Key Managerial Personnel is responsible for providing notice to the Board or Audit Committee of any potential Related Party Transaction involving him or her or his or her Relative, including any additional information about the transaction that the Board/Audit Committee may reasonably request. Board/Audit Committee will determine whether the transaction does, in fact, constitute a Related Party Transaction requiring compliance with this policy.

The Company strongly prefers to receive such notice of any potential Related Party Transaction well in advance so that the Audit Committee/Board has adequate time to obtain and review information about the proposed transaction.

#### **4.2. Prohibitions related to Related Party Transactions**

All Related Party Transactions shall require prior approval of Audit Committee/Board.

Further, all Material Related Party Transactions and transactions as per the provisions of Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 & rules made thereof as amended from time to time shall require approval of the shareholders through special resolution and the Related Parties shall abstain from voting on such resolutions.

#### **4.3. Review and Approval of Related Party Transactions**

Related Party Transactions will be referred to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Audit Committee for review and approval. Any member of the Committee who has a potential interest in any Related Party Transaction will recuse himself or herself and abstain from discussion and voting on the approval of the Related Party Transaction.

To review a Related Party Transaction, the Committee will be provided with all relevant material information of the Related Party Transaction, including the terms of the transaction, the business purpose of the transaction, the benefits to the Company and to the Related Party, and any other relevant matters. In determining whether to approve a Related Party Transaction, the Committee will consider the following factors, among others, to the extent relevant to the Related Party Transaction:

- ✓ Whether the terms of the Related Party Transaction are fair and on arm's length basis to the Company and would apply on the same basis if the transaction did not involve a Related Party;
- ✓ Whether there are any compelling business reasons for the Company to enter into the Related Party Transaction and the nature of alternative transactions, if any;
- ✓ Whether the Related Party Transaction would affect the independence of an independent director;
- ✓ Whether the proposed transaction includes any potential reputational risk issues that may arise as a result of or in connection with the proposed transaction;
- ✓ Whether the Company was notified about the Related Party Transaction before its commencement and if not, why pre-approval was not sought and whether subsequent ratification is allowed and would be detrimental to the Company; and
- ✓ Whether the Related Party Transaction would present an improper conflict of interest for any director or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company, taking into account the size of the transaction, the overall financial position of the director, Executive Officer or other Related Party, the direct or indirect nature of the director's, Key Managerial Personnel's or other Related Party's interest in the transaction and the ongoing nature of any proposed relationship and any other factors the Board/Committee deems relevant.

If the Committee determines that a Related Party Transaction should be brought before the Board, or if the Board in any case elects to review any such matter or it is mandatory under any law for Board to approve the Related Party Transaction, then the considerations set forth above shall apply to the Board's review and approval of the matter, with such modification as may be necessary or appropriate under the circumstances.

[Prior approval of the Audit committee shall be required for

- a. All RPTs and subsequent Material Modifications;
- b. with effect from April 1, 2022 RPTs where Company's subsidiary is a party but Company is not a party, if the value of such transaction, whether entered

into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year exceeds 10% of the consolidated turnover of the Company, as per the last audited financial statements of the Company:

- c. with effect from April 1, 2023, a related party transaction to which the Company's subsidiary is a party but the Company is not a party, if the value of such transaction whether entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds 10% of the annual standalone turnover, as per the last audited financial statements of such subsidiary.

Provided that prior approval of the audit committee of the Company shall not be required for RPTs where a listed subsidiary of the Company is a party but the Company is not a party, if regulation 23 and 15 (2) of SEBI LODR are applicable to such listed subsidiary.

However, transactions which have been entered into by the Company in its "ordinary course of business" and which are on an "arm's length" basis are exempted.

The Company shall enter into any contract or arrangement with a Related Party subject to the following conditions, namely:

- a. As per the provisions of Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 15 of the Companies (Meeting of Board and its Powers) Rules 2014, the agenda of the Committee / Board meeting at which the resolution is proposed to be moved shall disclose:
  - i. The name of the related party and nature of relationship
  - ii. The nature, duration of the contract and particulars of the contract or arrangement along with justification
  - iii. The material terms of the contract or arrangement including the value, if any
  - iv. Any advance paid or received for the contract or arrangement, if any
  - v. The manner of determining the pricing and other commercial terms, both included as part of contract and not considered as part of the contract
  - vi. Whether all factors relevant to the contract have been considered, if not, the details of factors not considered with the rationale for not considering those factors; and
  - vii. Any other information relevant or important for the Board to take a decision on the proposed transaction

- viii. Where any Director is interested in any contract or arrangement with a related party, such Director shall not be present at the meeting during discussion on the subject matter of the resolution in relates to such contract or arrangement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following Related Party Transactions shall not require approval of Audit Committee/Board or Shareholders:

- i. Any transaction that involves the providing of compensation to a director or Key Managerial Personnel in connection with his or her duties to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or associates, including the reimbursement of reasonable business and travel expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business.
- ii. Any transaction in which the Related Party's interest arises solely from ownership of securities issued by the Company and all holders of such securities receive the same benefits pro rata as the Related Party.

## **5. Material Modification**

"Material Modifications of Related Party Transaction" in relation to the Company means and include any modification to an existing related party transaction having variance of 20% of the existing limit as sanctioned by the Audit Committee / Board / Shareholders, as the case may be or any change in duration of Contract by 6 (six) months.

## **6. Omnibus Approval by Audit Committee**

Audit committee may grant omnibus approval for related party transactions proposed to be entered into by the listed entity subject to the following conditions, namely-

- (a) the audit committee shall lay down the criteria for granting the omnibus approval in line with the policy on related party transactions of the listed entity and such approval shall be applicable in respect of transactions which are repetitive in nature;
- (b) the audit committee shall satisfy itself regarding the need for such omnibus approval and that such approval is in the interest of the listed entity;
- (c) the omnibus approval shall specify:
  - (i) the name(s) of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum amount of transactions that shall be entered into,

- (ii) the indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any; and
- (iii) such other conditions as the audit committee may deem fit: Provided that where the need for related party transaction cannot be foreseen and aforesaid details are not available, audit committee may grant omnibus approval for such transactions subject to their value not exceeding rupees one crore per transaction.
- (d) the audit committee shall review, at least on a quarterly basis, the details of related party transactions entered into by the listed entity pursuant to each of the omnibus approvals given.

Such omnibus approvals shall be valid for a period not exceeding one year and shall require fresh approvals after the expiry of one year:

#### **7. Related Party Transactions not approved under this Policy**

In the event the Company becomes aware of a Related Party Transaction with a Related Party that has not been approved under this Policy prior to its consummation, the matter shall be reviewed by the Committee. The Committee shall consider all of the relevant facts and circumstances regarding the Related Party Transaction, and shall evaluate all options available to the Company, including ratification, revision or termination of the Related Party Transaction. The Committee shall also examine the facts and circumstances pertaining to the failure of reporting such Related Party

Transaction to the Committee under this Policy, and shall take any such action it deems appropriate.

In any case, where the Committee determines not to ratify a Related Party Transaction that has been commenced without approval, the Committee, as appropriate, may direct additional actions including, but not limited to, immediate discontinuation or rescission of the transaction. In connection with any review of a Related Party Transaction, the Committee has authority to modify or waive any procedural requirements of this Policy.

All material related party transactions shall require approval of the shareholders through resolution and the related parties shall abstain from voting on such resolutions whether the entity is a related party to the particular transaction or not.

**8. Amendments to the Policy**

The Board of Directors on its own and / or as per the recommendations of Audit Committee can amend this Policy, as and when deemed fit. Any or all provisions of this Policy would be subject to revision / amendment in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, Notifications etc. on the subject as may be issued by relevant statutory authorities, from time to time.

In case of any amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s) etc. issued by the relevant authorities, not being consistent with the provisions laid down under this Policy, then such amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s) etc. shall prevail upon the provisions hereunder and this Policy shall stand amended accordingly from the effective date as laid down under such amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s) etc.

**9. Disclosure(s)**

Details of all material transactions with related parties shall be disclosed quarterly along with the compliance report on corporate governance.

The Company shall disclose the policy on dealing with Related Party Transactions and material subsidiary on its website and also in the Annual Report. Furthermore all the related party transactions shall be disclosed in the Annual Report of the Company.

The Company shall submit [enhanced disclosure of information related to RPTs to be provided to the stock exchanges every six months in the format specified by the SEBI with the following timelines:

- i. within 15 days from the date of publication of financials;
- ii. Simultaneously with the financials w.e.f. April 1, 2023]. and also publish the same on its website.

This Policy will be communicated to all operational employees and other concerned persons of the Company.

**10. Scope and limitation**

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Policy and the Listing Regulations/Companies Act, 2013 or any other statutory enactments, rules, the provisions of such Listing Regulations/Companies Act, 2013 or statutory enactments, rules shall prevail over this Policy.

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