

NOTICE 296 OF 2006

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING COUNCIL

MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996

(ACT No. 47 OF 1996)

REQUEST FOR STATUTORY MEASURES:

LEVY TO FINANCE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH

FOR WHEAT, BARLEY, OATS AND DURUM WHEAT

It is hereby made known in terms of section 11 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996), that the Minister of Agriculture has received a request for a statutory measure in terms of section 10 of the said Act as set out in the Schedule hereto.

Directly affected groups are hereby invited to lodge any objection or representation regarding the proposed statutory measure with the National Agricultural Marketing Council Within 14 days of the publication thereof.

Submissions should be in writing and be addressed to:

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**REQUEST FOR A STATUTORY MEASURE (LEVY) ON WHEAT, BARLEY, OATS
AND DURUM WHEAT IN TERMS OF THE
MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996
(ACT NO 47 OF 1996), AS AMENDED**

1. STATUTORY MEASURE – LEVIES

The statutory measure that is requested to be established, is that the Minister, in terms of section 15 of the Act, by notice in the Government Gazette, direct that levies to the amounts of R9,00 per metric ton for wheat, R8,50 per metric ton for barley, R4,50 per metric ton for oats and R4,75 per metric ton for durum wheat, (VAT excluded), be imposed on all winter cereal sold, imported, processed or converted, exported, and in respect of which a SAFEX silo receipt has been issued if the levy in respect of such a winter cereal has not been paid before.

2. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 10 OF THE ACT

The particulars as required by section 10 of the Act to be included in a request for the establishment of a statutory measure, are as follows:

- 2.1 The statutory measure that is requested **would** relate to wheat, barley, durum wheat and oats (hereafter referred to as winter cereal).
- 2.2 The categories of directly affected groups which would probably be affected by the proposed statutory measure, are those groups of persons who are party to the production, purchasing and processing of winter cereals as well as to the consumption of winter cereal products in the Republic of South Africa.
- 2.3 Letters of support for the proposed statutory measure on winter cereals, by the different categories of directly affected and other groups in the winter cereal industry were received.
- 2.4 The proposed statutory measure will apply to the whole of the Republic of South Africa, in order to have a *uniform* levy.
- 2.5 According to the applicant, the proposed statutory measure will further the objectives of the **Act as** stipulated in section 2(2) thereof. Such measure will also not contravene section 2(3) of the Act.
- 2.6 The manner in which the objectives referred to in section 2(2) of the Act **will** be furthered (namely the increasing of market access for **all** market participants, the promotion of the efficiency of the marketing of agricultural products, the optimisation of export earnings from agricultural products and the enhancement of the viability of the agricultural sector), are summarised below: