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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTEMENT VAN LANDBOU

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#### CONSERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES ACT, 1983 (ACT NO 43 OF 1983)

#### DROUGHT RELIEF SCHEME OF 2003

I, Thokozile Angela Didiza, Minister for Agriculture and Land Affairs, acting under section 8, read with section 9, of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983) hereby establish the Drought Relief Scheme of 2003, hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme", set out in the schedule below.

  
Thokozile Angela Didiza  
Minister for Agriculture and Land Affairs

#### SCHEDULE

**1. *Name of the Scheme***

The Scheme shall be known as the Drought Relief Scheme of 2003, hereinafter known as the Scheme.

**2. *Objective of the Scheme***

The objective of the Scheme shall be to assist farmers out of monies appropriated by parliament to feed their animals due to the non-availability of fodder which was caused by the drought.

**3. *Period for which the Scheme shall apply***

The Scheme shall apply to those farmers who are unable to feed their animals because of the drought of 2003.

Only assessments that were made by the Departments of Agriculture and its assigned agents will qualify for assistance.

**4. *Assistance***

The Scheme will only be applicable in respect of farm animals ie, cattle, sheep and goats.

The Scheme will only apply to the subsidisation of the costs of fodder and the costs of transport of fodder to the value of 75%. No other costs including road toll fees, shall be subsidized. The subsidy shall apply to the feeding of a maximum of the first 30 animals of each farmer and animals shall be expressed in terms of the universally accepted cow units. The subsidies will be paid until the monies appropriated for the Scheme are exhausted or until the fodder is no longer required.

The subsidy shall be paid by the provincial government to the suppliers of fodder and cartage contractors and not to the farmers.

**5. Areas to which the Scheme applies**

The Scheme shall apply to the following areas:

**LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

<b>AREAS</b>
Thabazimbi
Lephalale
Mogalakwena
Blouberg
Musina
Makhado
Mutale
Sekhukhune
Capricorn
Bohlabela
Waterberg
Vhembe
Mopani

**NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

<b>AREAS</b>
Springbok
Calvinia
Sutherland
Namakwaland
Williston
Fraserburg
Carnarvon
Kenhardt
Kalahari

**WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

Murraysburg
Beaufort West
Prince Albert
Laingsburg
Touwsrivier
Ceres Karoo
Swartland
Weskus
Boland
Wuppertal/Eben/Rietontein

**6. *Method of Assistance***

- Funds will be transferred to the Provincial Treasury of the above-mentioned Provinces, on a monthly basis subject to the acceptance of the conditions contained herein.
- Each Province may appoint an agent of its own choice to distribute the funds at its own cost.

**7. *Administration of the Scheme***

The Scheme will be administered by the Provinces and the appointed agencies of their choice. The funds allocated to the province will be paid on a monthly basis on receipt of proof that the previous month's transfer was expended.

**8. *Assessment process***

Assessments have to be signed by the farmer and verified by the Extension Officer and a Senior Agricultural Officer and one of the following:

- Chairperson of Farmers Association
- Induna/Inkosi/Tribal Authority

Natural persona must submit an official identity document and legal persona must submit a certificate of registration when claiming the funds.