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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING COUNCIL MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996 (ACT No. 47 OF 1996)

DRIED FRUIT INDUSTRY - REQUESTING COMMENTS IS ON THE APPLICATION OF A NEW TERM OF STATUTORY MEASURES IN THE DRIED FRUIT INDUSTRY

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 the implementation of statutory measures in terms of section 10 and 11 of the said Act.

Dried Fruit Technical Services (DFTS), a company incorporated under section 21 of the Companies Act 1973, applied for a new term of statutory measures in terms of section 10 and 11 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, Act No. 47 of 1996.

The requested new term are for the following statutory measures:

- Payment of levies by packers or imported by a packer/processor or produced by a producer
- Keeping of Records and Returns by importers, packers, exporters and processors of dried fruit
- Registration with the DFTS by importers, packers, exporters and processors of dried fruit

If approved the payment of levies are to finance the following:

- Information and communication
- Research technology development
- Transformation and training
- International liaison
- Administration

The levy amounts would be as follows

- 4c/kg for dried vine fruit (raisins, seedless raisins, sultanas and currants (currants = seedless currant type vine fruit))
- 8c p/kg for dried apricots, apples, peaches
- 7c p/kg nectarines, pears, prunes and other dried fruits excluding VAT

Currently the following statutory measures are due to expire on 31 March 2005:

- Payment of levies bought or received by packers:
 - 4c/kg for dried vine fruit (raisins, seedless raisins, sultanas and currants (currants = seedless currant type vine fruit))
 - 6c p/kg for dried apricots, apples, nectarines, pears, peaches, prunes and excluding VAT
- Keeping of Records and Returns by importers, packers, exporters and processors of dried fruit

- Registration with the DFTS by importers, packers, exporters and processors of dried fruit

Directly affected groups in the deciduous fruit industry are hereby invited to forward any comments regarding the proposed statutory measures to the National Agricultural Marketing Council within 14 days of the publication hereof.

Submissions should be in writing and be addressed to:

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