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

ESTABLISHMENT OF STATUTORY MEASURE: REGISTRATION OF PRODUCERS
and
EXPORTERS OF TABLE GRAPES

I, Angela Thokozile Didiza, Minister for Agriculture, acting under sections 13 and 19 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996), hereby establish the statutory measure set out in the Schedule.



A.T. DIDIZA

Minister for Agriculture

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Schedule any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates –

“Exporter” means a person who trade fresh table grapes for export for his own account, or acts as an agent on a commission basis on behalf of producers;

“Grape Producer” means a producer of table grapes intended for fresh table grape exports;

A person shall have a choice to register as either a producer or an exporter. A person who is a producer as well as an exporter must register as a producer and as an exporter.

Purpose and aims of statutory measure and the relation thereof to the objectives of the Act

2. The purpose and aims of the statutory measure is to compel the parties set out herein to register with the Deciduous Fruit Producers' Trust (DFPT). Registration is necessary to assist the DFPT in ensuring that continuous, timeous and accurate information relating to the products as defined, is available to all role players. Market information is deemed essential for all role players in order for them to make informed decisions. By combining compulsory registration with the keeping of information and the rendering of returns on an individual basis, market information for the whole of the industry can be processed and disseminated and will form the basis for the collection of levies where applicable and appropriate.

The establishment of the measure would assist in promoting the efficiency of the marketing of table grapes. The viability of the table grape should thus be enhanced. The measure will not be detrimental to the number of employment opportunities or fair labour practice.

It will be administered by the DFPT, a trust established in terms of section 6(1) of the Trust Property Control Act, 1988 (Act 57 of 1988). The DFPT will implement and administer the measure as set out in the Schedule.

Products to which statutory measure applies.

3. This statutory measure shall apply to table grapes intended for export.

Area in which statutory measure applies

4. This statutory measure shall apply in the geographical area of the Republic of South Africa.

Registration of parties concerned

5. (1) All producers and exporters of table grapes destined for export shall register with the DFPT.
- (2) A person shall have a choice to register as either a producer or exporter.
- (3) A person who is a producer as well as a producer or exporter shall register as a producer and as an exporter.

Application for registration

6. Application for registration shall –

- (1) be made within 30 days of the commencement of this statutory measure, and in the case of a person becoming a party as contemplated in clause 5 after such date of commencement, within 30 days of becoming such a party;
- (2) be made on the application form obtainable free of charge from DFPT;
- (3) be submitted, when forwarded by post, to –

DFPT
PO Box 163
PAARL
7622

- (4) when delivered by hand, be delivered to –

DFPT
Main Road 158

PAARL

- (5) when sent by telefax, be addressed to –

021-870 2815

- (6) when sent by E-mail, addressed to –

info@deciduous.co.za

Commencement and period of validity

7. This statutory measure shall come into operation on the date of publication hereof and shall lapse on 30 September 2008.