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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
DEPARTEMENT VAN LANDBOU

No. R. 808

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

**ESTABLISHMENT OF STATUTORY MEASURE: RECORDS AND RETURNS  
BY ABATTOIRS AND OTHER ROLE - PLAYERS**

I, Angela Thokozile Didiza, Minister of Agriculture, acting under sections 13 and 18 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 of Agriculture.

03-08-2005

## 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 –

**“designated animal”** for purposes of this notice, means cattle, goats, pigs and sheep;

**“levy notice”** means any notice whereby a levy is imposed on a designated animal or any meat product derived from a designated animal in terms of the Act;

**“levy administrator”** means the levy administrator as defined in the levy notice; and

**“the Act”** means the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996).

### **Purpose and aim of statutory measure and the relation thereof to the objectives of the Act**

2. The purpose and aims of this statutory measure is to compel the parties set out herein to render records and returns to the levy administrator. This is necessary to ensure that continuous, timeous and accurate information relating to designated animals slaughtered and marketed is available to all role - players. Market information is deemed essential for all role - players in order for them to make informed decisions. By prescribing the keeping of records with the rendering of returns on an individual basis, market information for the whole of the industry can be processed and disseminated.

The establishment of the statutory measure should assist in promoting the efficiency of the marketing of meat. The viability of the red meat industry should thus be enhanced.

The measure is not detrimental to any of the objectives of the Act, and in particular will not be detrimental to the number of employment opportunities or fair labour practice in the red meat industry.

Any information obtained through this mechanism will be dealt with in a confidential manner and no sensitive or potentially sensitive client-specific

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information will be made available to any party without the prior approval of the party whose rights are affected.

The measure will be administered by the levy administrator, who will act in terms of the mandate and on behalf of the red meat industry through its representative organ, namely the Red Meat Industry (RMIF).

### **Products to which statutory measure applies**

3. This statutory measure shall apply to designated animals and any meat product derived there from.

### **Area in which statutory measure shall apply**

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

### **Records to be kept and returns to be rendered**

5. (1) Any person referred to in clause 5(a), (b) or (c) of the levy notice, with the exception of persons referred to in clause 5(a)(i) and 5(b)(i) thereof, shall keep such records and render the returns as may be required by the levy administrator for designated animals and meat products.

(2) The records referred to in subclause (1) shall –

(a) be recorded on a computer or with ink in a book;

(b) be kept at the registered premises of the person required to keep it for a period of at least three years.

(3) The returns referred to in subclause (1) shall be rendered on a form obtainable free of charge for this purpose from the levy administrator and shall –

(a) be submitted, when forwarded by post, to –

The Levy Administrator  
P. O Box 36802  
Menlo Park  
0102

(b) when sent by telefax, be addressed to—

0123616004

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