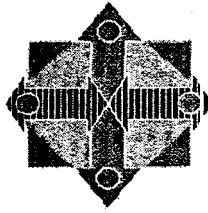


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**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING COUNCIL****MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996  
(ACT No. 47 OF 1996)****DECIDUOUS FRUIT INDUSTRY  
REQUEST TO INCREASE THE STATUTORY LEVY ON PLUMS**

**The** National Agricultural Marketing Council (**NAMC**) has received a request from **the** Deciduous Fruit Producers' Trust (DFPT) for the increase of the statutory **levy on** plums with 2c/kg (on export plums from 6,5 c/kg to 8,5 c/kg **and on** domestic plums from 3 c/kg to 5 c/kg).

Currently the statutory measures in the deciduous fruit industry are as follows:

- ◆ **Section 15** of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (MAP Act): Levies.
  - Statutory levies on pome and stone fruit were implemented **on** 4 November 2003 and will lapse on 30 October 2007.
  - <sup>a</sup> Statutory levies on table grapes were implemented on 12 November **2004** and will lapse on 31 October **2008**.
- ◆ **Section 48** of the MAP Act: Records and Returns.
- ◆ **Section 19** of the MAP Act: Registration.

**The** DFPT requested that the increase of the levy by 2c/kg be utilised exclusively for market information and coordination of activities between producers and exporters on a non-commercial basis. The additional income to **the 2006/7** budget, **will be R885 764** (an increase from **R2 624 317 to**

R3 510 081) and will be channeled, exclusively towards the information portfolio.

It is proposed that the increase be effective from 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2007.

Directly affected groups in the deciduous fruit industry are kindly requested to submit any comments regarding the proposed increase to **the NAMC in writing** on or before 30 June 2006, to enable the Council to **formalise** its recommendation to **the Minister** in this regard.

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