

BOARD NOTICE 39 OF 2007**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING COUNCIL
MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996, AS AMENDED
(ACT No. 47 OF 1996)**

PORK INDUSTRY -

- **REQUEST FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF STATUTORY MEASURES RELATING TO LEVIES, REGISTRATION AND RECORDS & RETURNS**
 - **DIRECTLY AFFECTED GROUPS ARE INVITED TO FORWARD ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED STATUTORY MEASURES**
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It is hereby made known that in terms of section 11 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. **47** of 1996), the Minister of Agriculture has received a request from the pork industry for the continuation of statutory measures relating to levies, registration, the keeping of records and the rendering of returns.

The South African Pork Producers' Organisation (SAPPO), on behalf of the directly affected groups in the pork industry applied for these statutory measures. The current statutory measures for the pork industry were introduced on 5 November 2005 and will expire on **4** November 2007. SAPPO requested ministerial approval for the continuation of these statutory measures for a new period of three years, to lapse on 31 October 2010.

The purpose of the statutory measures relating to registration and records & returns is to compel abattoirs to register with SAPPO and also to compel abattoirs to keep records and render the returns to SAPPO. It is envisaged that SAPPO will outsource some of the functions relating to the administration of the proposed statutory measures. These statutory measures will enable SAPPO to process and disseminate accurate information to all role-players in order for them to make informed decisions.

The SAPPO proposed a statutory levy of R6.00 per slaughter pig (VAT excluded) for the three year period. This levy will replace the current levy of R5.20 per slaughter pig (VAT excluded) which will be collected until 31 October 2007.

The statutory levy will finance the following functions –

- a** Empowerment and development of black emerging pork producers
- ☐ Customer education
- ☐ Consumer assurance
- ☐ Research and development
- ☐ Industry information and liaison
- a** Administration

It is envisaged that the pork industry would collect an amount of approximately R11.4 million per annum to finance the above-mentioned functions.

As the proposed statutory measures requested by SAPPO are *prima facie* consistent with the objectives of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, No 49 of 1996, the Minister requested the National Agricultural Marketing Council on 28 March 2007 to investigate the possible implementation of the relevant statutory measures and to report back to her within 60 days.

Directly affected groups in the pork industry are kindly requested to submit any comments regarding the proposed statutory measures to the National Agricultural Marketing Council within 14 days of the publication hereof.

Submissions must be in writing and be addressed to:

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