

No. 1052**11 November 2010**

**MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996
(ACT NO.47 OF 1996)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF STATUTORY MEASURE: REGISTRATION OF ROLE-PLAYERS
IN THE RED MEAT INDUSTRY**

I, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries, acting under sections 10, 13, 14 and 19 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996), as amended, hereby establish the statutory measure set out in the attached schedule.

TINA JOEMAT-PETTERSSON

Minister of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

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 animals" for purposes of this regulation, means cattle, sheep and goats.

"levy notice" means any notice whereby a levy is imposed on designated animals, red meat products, meat products, processed pork, hides and skins in terms of the Act.

"levy administrator" means the Meat Statutory Measure Services, the juristic person entrusted with the implementation, administration and enforcement of the statutory measure established in this regulation.

"red meat" means any carcase of any part of a slaughtered and skinned designated animal, fresh or frozen which has not undergone any processing other than deboning, portioning, dicing, mincing, cooling or freezing.

"red meat products" means any product derived from the processing of red meat, with or without the addition of other meat or food products.

"the Act" means the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act no 47 of 1996) as amended

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

2. The purpose and aim of this statutory measure is to compel the parties set out herein to register with the levy administrator. This is necessary to ensure that continuous, timeous and accurate information relating to designated animals slaughtered and its products, is available to all role-players. Market information is deemed essential for all role-players in order for them to make informed decisions.

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

This statutory 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.

This statutory 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 Forum.

Products to which this statutory measure applies

3. This statutory measure shall apply to all:

- (a) designated animals, hides and skins, red meat and red meat products from designated animals as well as red meat and red meat products imported into the Republic of South Africa;
- (b) designated animals exported live from the Republic of South Africa; and
- (c) processed red meat and processed pork.

Area in which measure shall apply

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

Registration and enforcement

5. Any person referred to in section 5 (a), 5 (b) and 5 (c) of the levy notice, with the exception of persons referred to in section 5 (a) i and 5 (b) i, shall on an annual basis register and re-register with the levy administrator.

5.1 Registration shall be done immediately upon receipt of a registration form obtainable free of charge for this purpose from the levy administrator, and must –

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

Meat Statutory Measure Services
P O Box 36802
Menlo Park
Pretoria
0102

(b) When sent by telefax, be addressed to:

012 361 2382

5.2 Any abattoir as defined in the levy notice may apply to the levy administrator for exemption from the provisions of section 5 (a) ii or 5 (b) ii of the levy notices for purposes of this statutory measure on the grounds that it is a welfare organisation as defined in terms of section 1 of the Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act 89 of 1991).

5.3 The implementation, administration and enforcement of the statutory measure established in this regulation are entrusted to the Meat Statutory Measure Services, a Section 21 Company, established in terms of section 14 of the Act.

Commencement and period of validity

6. This statutory measure shall come into operation on 5 November 2010 and will lapse after a period of four years.