
GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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

**REQUEST FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE NOTICES REGARDING STATUTORY MEASURES
IN THE POULTRY INDUSTRY - DIRECTLY AFFECTED GROUPS ARE INVITED TO FORWARD
ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

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, Forestry and Fisheries has received a request from the poultry industry for the amendment of statutory measures relating to levies, registrations, the keeping of records and the rendering of returns. These statutory measures were approved by the Minister on 25 September 2009 and will lapse on 8 October 2013.

The Southern African Poultry Association (SAPA), on behalf of the directly affected groups in the poultry industry, applied to the Minister to amend the existing statutory measures. The SAPA *inter alia* requested that the Notice regarding statutory levies be amended to change the point of statutory levy collection on eggs in January 2012, from the suppliers of packaging material, to the point of day old layer pullets placed or sold. The proposed amendment of the collection model will have no effect on the budgeted income for the four year levy period until 8 October 2013, and the purpose is merely to ensure a simpler administration process for the poultry statutory levies.

The current statutory levies (excluding VAT) per dozen packed eggs, are as follows:

From date of implementation until December 2010	2.23 cents
From January until December 2011	2.45 cents
From January until December 2012	2.70 cents
From January until 8 October 2013	2.97 cents

The proposed statutory levies (excluding VAT) per layer pullet sold are as follows:

From January until December 2012	52.22 cents
From January until 8 October 2013	54.83 cents

The average estimated income from the levies over the four year period would remain at approximately R21 million per annum. In 2009, the poultry statutory levies were approved by the Minister to finance the following functions, namely –

- Black economic empowerment;
- Consumer education;
- Consumer assurance;
- Research and development; and
- Communication and liaison

Apart from the change in the collection point of statutory levies on eggs, the SAPA also decided to request the Minister to lower the statutory levies on eggs and on day old female parent broiler chickens from January 2012. Compared to the approved statutory levies, the proposed statutory levies are approximately 9.4% lower for 2012 and 13.6% lower for 2013. The SAPA indicated that the lowering of levies would not have a huge impact on budgeted levy income due to expected higher volumes of day old female parent broiler chickens and day old layer pullets sold.

Directly affected groups in the poultry industry are kindly requested to submit any comments regarding the proposed amendment to the poultry statutory levies, 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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