
NOTICE 403 OF 2012**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING COUNCIL
MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996, AS AMENDED
(ACT NO. 47 OF 1996)**

**REQUEST FOR THE CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURES IN THE SOUTH
AFRICAN MOHAIR INDUSTRY (REGISTRATION AND RECORDS & RETURNS) IN TERMS
OF THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 47 OF 1996),
AS AMENDED**

It is hereby made known in terms of section 11 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No.47 of 1996), that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has received a request from the mohair industry for the continuation of statutory measures in the mohair industry relating to registration, the keeping of records and rendering of returns.

Mohair South Africa Ltd, on behalf of the directly affected groups in the mohair industry applied for the continuation of statutory measures. The current statutory measures in the mohair industry will lapse on 31 July 2012. Mohair SA Ltd requested ministerial approval for the continuation of these statutory measures for a new period of four years, until 31 July 2016.

The purpose and aim of the statutory measure for records and returns, is to provide a statutory mechanism for the keeping of records and the furnishing of returns to Mohair SA. This is deemed necessary to ensure that continuous, timeous and accurate statistics and information relating to the characteristics and marketing and sale of mohair is made available to all role-players.

The purpose and aim of the statutory measure relating to registration is to provide a statutory mechanism for the development and maintenance of a database of individuals and organisations involved in the mohair industry. Data on individuals involved in the production, trading, processing and exporting of mohair is of necessity and a prerequisite for the accurate and efficient gathering of data for inclusion in a national mohair industry database. Furthermore both measures for records & returns and registration will assist the relevant authorities in their goal of eliminating and dealing with criminal activities in the mohair industry, in particular relating to the theft of mohair and trading in stolen goods (mohair).

According to the applicant, the proposed continuation of the statutory measures will further the objectives of the MAP Act as stipulated in section 2(2) thereof. Such establishment will also not contravene section 2(3) of the Act, namely will not be substantially detrimental to food security, the number of employment opportunities within the economy or fair labour practices. The objectives referred to in section 2(2) of the Act are to increase market access for all market participants, to promote the efficiency of marketing of agricultural products, to optimise export earnings from agricultural products and to enhance the viability of the agricultural sector.

Mohair SA Ltd will be responsible for the administration of the statutory measures. Mohair SA Ltd is a company without profit motive incorporated in terms of section 21 of the Companies Act, 1973 (Act No 61 of 1973). Considering the South African mohair industry's international associations and linkages and the need to establish a structure that will ensure the ongoing involvement by all affected parties, Mohair SA Ltd is the logical institution to administer these measures. It is internationally recognised and accepted as the overarching representative body, is representative of all directly affected group in the mohair industry and its responsibility is to further the objectives of the Mohair Trust.

The NAMC took cognisance that the proposed continuation of the statutory measures as requested by Mohair SA Ltd is consistent with the objectives of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act no 47 of 1996), as amended. The request is being investigated by the NAMC and recommendations in this regard will be made to the Minister in the near future.

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

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