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APPLICATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURES ON DRIED FRUIT

COMMENTS REQUESTED BY NAMC

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries received a request from Dried Fruit Technical Services (DFTS), for the implementation of a new term of statutory measures (registration, records & returns, and levies), on dried fruit, in terms of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (MAP Act), Act No. 47 of 1996. It is proposed that the statutory measures be implemented for a new four year period (DFTS requested that the implementation date be 1 October 2012).

Currently, the following statutory measures are applicable on dried fruit:

- Keeping of records and returns;
- Registration of directly affected groups; and
- Payment of statutory levies.

The current statutory measures were implemented on 30 January 2009 and will lapse on 29 January 2013.

It is proposed that the levy will be on dried deciduous fruits bought or received by a packer or imported by a packer or processor or produced by a producer.

Proposed levy amounts:

	Levy amount Excluding VAT 2012/13	Levy amount Excluding VAT 2013/14	Levy amount Excluding VAT 2014/15	Levy amount Excluding VAT 2015/16
Dried tree fruit *	12c/kg	12c/kg	14c/kg	14c/kg
Dried vine fruit **	5c/kg	7c/kg	8c/kg	8c/kg

* tree fruit (apricots, apples, peaches, prunes, nectarines, pears and other dried fruits)

** vine fruit (raisins, seedless raisins, sultanas and currants)

The payment of the levy will finance the following activities in the dried fruit industry:

- Information statistics and communication;
- Research and Technology development;
- Transformation and training;
- International liaison; and
- Administration.

It is also argued that these statutory measures will not be detrimental to food security, the number of employment opportunities within the economy or to fair labour practice. In fact, DFTS is of the opinion that they are aimed at growing the competitiveness and capacity of the industry.

Directly affected groups (e.g. producers, traders, agents, packers, importers, processors, exporters and export inspection bodies) in the dried fruit industry are kindly requested to submit any comments, in writing, regarding the proposed statutory measures, to the NAMC on or before 29 June 2012, to enable the Council to finalise its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.

ENQUIRIES:

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