
GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**NOTICE 920 OF 2015****NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING COUNCIL (NAMC)****MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996, AS AMENDED
(ACT No. 47 OF 1996)****REQUEST FOR THE CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURES:
REGISTRATION, RECORDS AND RETURNS IN RESPECT OF MAIZE, WINTER CEREALS, SORGHUM AND
OILSEEDS AND WEEKLY RECORDS AND RETURNS FOR IMPORTS AND EXPORTS
OF WHOLE MAIZE AND WHEAT**

The National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) received a request from the South African Grain Information Service (SAGIS), on behalf of the directly affected groups in the grains and oilseeds industries, for the continuation of statutory measures related to registration, records and returns, and in particular:

- the registration of certain persons with SAGIS in respect of maize, oilseeds, sorghum and winter cereal;
- the keeping of records and submitting of monthly returns to SAGIS in respect of maize, oilseeds, sorghum and winter cereal; and
- keeping of records and submitting of weekly returns to SAGIS in respect of imports and exports of whole maize and whole wheat.

The above statutory measures will expire on 30 April 2016. To enable SAGIS to continue its functions, SAGIS requested ministerial approval that the relevant statutory measures be extended for a further period of four years to lapse on 30 April 2020.

The NAMC took cognisance that the proposed continuation of the statutory measures as requested by SAGIS 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 of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. It is envisaged that explanatory notes regarding the proposed continuation of the statutory measures will also be published in the *Government Gazette* of 18 September 2015.

Directly affected groups in the grains and oilseeds industries are kindly requested to submit any comments regarding support or objections relating to the proposed continuation of statutory measures to the NAMC in writing (fax 012 341 1911 or e-mail to lizettem@namc.co.za) before or on 9 October 2015, to enable the Council to finalise its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.

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