

**BOARD / RAAD**  
**NOTICE 355 OF 2016**



**APPLICATION FOR STATUTORY MEASURES (REGISTRATION, RECORDS AND RETURNS)  
RELATING TO OILSEEDS PRODUCTS, IN TERMS OF THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCTS ACT, ACT NO 47 OF 1996**

**INVITATION TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED GROUPS IN THE OILSEEDS INDUSTRIES TO FORWARD  
COMMENTS REGARDING THE REQUEST FROM THE SUNFLOWER, SOYBEAN AND  
GROUNDNUT FORUMS**

The National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) received a request from the Sunflower and Soybean Forum and the Groundnut Forum, on behalf of directly affected groups in the oilseeds industries, for the introduction and promulgation of statutory measures, namely registration and the keeping of information and submitting monthly returns in respect of oilseeds products manufactured, imported and/or exported.

There is currently no reliable information available in South Africa regarding the manufacturing, processing, import and export of oilseeds products. No statutory measures exist in respect of such information.

Information on the manufacturing, processing, import and export of oilseeds products is crucial for the effective operation of the oilseeds markets and for market participants to be able to plan properly. The supply of generic market information to all role players, on a continuous basis, is therefore essential. The maintenance of macro industry information is regarded as critical for strategic planning by the oilseeds industries, as well as for individual directly affected groups.

For the above reasons the Sunflower and Soybean Forum and the Groundnut Forum have decided to make a joint application for statutory measures in order to obtain the minimum required information regarding the products in question. The purpose and aim of the statutory measures are to provide for the registration of the relevant parties and for the gathering and dissemination of proper market information to the benefit of the oilseeds industries.

The proposal entails that the South African Grain Information Service (SAGIS) will be responsible for the registration, as well as the collection and dissemination of the information associated with the statutory measures that are requested. SAGIS has been established as an objective and reliable provider of information, both nationally and internationally.

The Forums agreed to propose that all manufacturers, importers and exporters of oilseeds products should register with SAGIS. Furthermore that each manufacturer, importer and exporter of oilseeds products, shall keep complete records for each calendar month in respect of oilseeds products that are manufactured, imported or exported by them for own use or for commercial purposes. This shall include any person who acts in the capacity of the aforementioned persons.

The term "oilseeds products" means the following products:

- Coconut oil
- Palm oil and its derivatives
- Soybean oil
- Groundnut oil
- Sunflower oil
- Rapeseed/canola oil
- Maize (corn) oil
- Cottonseed oil
- Blends or mixes of oils, which include one of the above oils
- Cottonseed oilcake
- Sunflowerseed oilcake
- Coconut oilcake
- Palm-nut oilcake
- Soybean oilcake
- Biodiesel
- Flours and meals of soybean
- Full-fat soybean
- Peanut butter and peanut paste
- Textures vegetable protein (TVP)

The statutory measures, if approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, will come into operation on the date of publication for a period of four years.

Directly affected groups in the oilseeds industries are kindly requested to submit any comments regarding the proposed statutory measures to the NAMC in writing (fax 012 341 1811/ 012 341 1911 or e-mail to [lizettem@namc.co.za](mailto:lizettem@namc.co.za)) before or on 8 July 2016, to enable the Council to formulate its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.