

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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**MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996
(ACT No. 47 of 1996)****CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURE AND DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE
PRICE: LEVIES RELATING TO PIGS**

I, Thoko Didiza, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, acting under sections 10, 13, 14 and 15 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996), hereby establish the statutory measure set out in the attached Schedule.

THOKO DIDIZA**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

SCHEDULE

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Schedule any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise –

“**abattoir**” means a slaughter facility as defined in section 1 of the Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act No. 40 of 2000), save for those facilities that have been excluded by the levy administrator after application to the levy administrator as provided for in the registration notice;

“**exporter**” means the owner of a pig at the time of export of that pig;

“**head**” means one pig irrespective of its age, size or weight;

“**levy administrator**” means the South African Pork Producers’ Organisation, the juristic person entrusted with the implementation, administration and enforcement of the statutory measure established under this regulation;

“**owner**” means the owner of a pig at the time of slaughter of that pig; and

“**the Act**” means the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996).

2. PURPOSE AND AIMS OF THE STATUTORY MEASURES AND THE RELATION THEREOF TO OBJECTIVES OF THE ACT

The measure is required by the pork industry to fund –

- (a) Business Development (Transformation) in the developing sector;
- (b) Consumer Education and Communication;
- (c) Consumer Assurance;
- (d) Research and Development;
- (e) Business Intelligence; and

(f) Corporate Governance (Administration cost).

The levy is not detrimental to any of the objectives of the Act and, in particular, shall not be detrimental to the number of employment opportunities or fair labour practice in the pork industry.

The statutory measure shall be administered by the levy administrator, who appointed the Red Meat Levy Admin (Pty) Ltd to assist them with the collection of the statutory levy. The latter shall act in terms of the mandate and on behalf of the South African Pork Producers' Organisation.

The statutory measure is necessary to finance the above-mentioned functions and the levy shall be utilised in accordance with the levy application. The Auditor-General shall also be responsible for auditing the statutory levies collected.

3. EMPLOYMENT OF STATUTORY LEVIES

It is hereby determined that, in respect of levies collected –

- a) approximately 70% of the funds shall be used for functions relating to consumer assurance, consumer education and communication, research and development, business intelligence;
- b) at least 20% of the funds shall be used for business development (transformation); and
- c) not more than 10% of the funds shall be used for corporate governance (administration cost).

4. PRODUCT TO WHICH STATUTORY MEASURE APPLIES

This statutory measure shall apply to –

- a) pigs slaughtered by abattoirs for commercial use other than for own consumption; and
- b) pigs exported live.

5. AREA IN WHICH STATUTORY MEASURE APPLIES

This statutory measure shall apply within the geographical area of the Republic of South Africa.

6. DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE PRICE

The guideline price is determined as follows:

- a) R1 884.80 per pig slaughtered.
- b) R3 532.00 per pig exported live.

7. AMOUNT OF LEVY

The amount of the levy payable:

	Pigs slaughtered at abattoir	Pigs exported live
From 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020	R12.16 (VAT excluded)	R12.16 (VAT excluded)
From 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021	R12.77 (VAT excluded)	R12.77 (VAT excluded)
From 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022	R13.41 (VAT excluded)	R13.41 (VAT excluded)

8. PERSONS BY WHOM LEVY IS PAYABLE

The levy imposed in terms of this notice shall be –

- a) paid to the abattoir by the owner at slaughter of such pig and the abattoir will then pay it over to the levy administrator; and
- b) payable by the exporter of live pigs at the point of exit and paid over to the levy administrator.

9. PAYMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF LEVY

(1) The levy shall be paid to the levy administrator –

- a) by the fourteenth day of the month following the month in which the pigs were slaughtered; and

- b) by the fourteenth day of the month following the month in which the pigs were exported.
- (2) Payments shall be made by means of a cheque or electronic bank transfer in favour of the levy administrator, and shall –
- a) When paid by cheque, be addressed to –
The Levy Administrator
P O Box 36802
MENLO PARK
0102
- b) When electronically transferred, be paid to the account number obtainable from the levy administrator.
- (3) The implementation, administration and enforcement of the statutory measure established in these regulations are entrusted to the levy administrator in terms of section 14 of the Act.

10. COMMENCEMENT AND PERIOD OF VALIDITY

This statutory measure shall come into operation on 1 November 2019 and will expire on 31 October 2022.