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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE 405 OF 2020

DRIED FRUIT INDUSTRY APPLICATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURES

NAMC REQUESTING COMMENTS / INPUTS FROM INDUSTRY ROLE PLAYERS

On 10 July 2020, the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development received a request from Raisins South Africa for the continuation of statutory measures (levies, records & returns and registration) on dried vine fruit (raisins) produced, and imported into South Africa, in terms of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (MAP Act) 1996. The current statutory measures will expire on 27 October 2020.

Currently, the following statutory measures are applicable, and it is proposed that a new four year period be implemented, on dried vine fruit produced and imported into South Africa, namely -

- Payment of levies (in terms of section 15 of the MAP Act);
- Keeping of records & returns (section 18); and
- Registration of directly affected groups (DAGs) (section 19).

The purpose and objective of the statutory levies are to provide financial support for the following functions that the dried vine fruit industry has identified as essential and in the interest of the industry as a whole:

- Market Access and development;
- Information and communication;
- Research & development programmes and technology transfer;
- Transformation and training; and
- Administration.

The current and proposed levy amounts cents per kilogram(c/kg) are as follows:

Products	Current levy	Proposed new levy Amount (excluding VAT)			
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Dried vine fruits (raisins) Produced and imported	12c/kg	16c/kg	17,67c/kg	19,33c/kg	21c/kg

Proposed business plan for the four (4) year period:

Income	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Dried vine projected volumes	83 000 000	86 320 000	89 773 000	93 364 000	352 457
Levy R/kg	0.160	0.176	0.193c/kg	0.210c/kg	
Potential levy income	R13 280 000	R15 252 744	R17 326 150	R19 606 380	R65 465 274

Expenditure	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total	%
Market Access and development	R3 984 000	R4 575 823	R5 208 617	R5 884 714	R19 653 154	30%
Information and communication	R1 992 000	R2 287 912	R2 604 309	R2 942 357	R9 826 578	15%
Research & development programmes and technology transfer	R3 320 000	R3 813 186	R4 340 515	R4 903 929	R16 377 630	25%
Transformation and training	R2 656 000	R3 050 549	R3 472 412	R3 923 143	R13 102 104	20%
Administration	R1 328 000	R1 525 274	R1 736 206	R1 961 571	R6 551 051	10%
Total	R13 280 000	R15 252 744	R17 362 059	R19 615 715	R65 510 517	

This statutory levy shall apply to all dried vine fruit (raisins), produced in and imported into South Africa.

The NAMC believes that the statutory levies requested are consistent with the objectives of the MAP Act (as set out in section 2 of the Act)

Directly affected groups (e.g. importers, exporters, producers, processors, and packers) 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 14 August 2020, to enable the Council to finalise its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.

ENQUIRIES:

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SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE NAMC BY 14 August 2020