DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996 (ACT No. 47 of 1996)

CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY LEVIES ON TABLE EGGS AS PRESCRIBED BY REGULATION R345, AS AMENDED AND ON EGG PRODUCTS SOLD TO THE TRADE AND DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE PRICE

I, Angela Thokozile 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 Schedule, hereto.

MRS ANGELA THOKOZILE DIDIZA
MINISTER FOR 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 –

"levy administrator" means the South African Poultry Association, the juristic person entrusted with the implementation, administration and enforcement of the statutory measure established under this regulation;

"table eggs and egg products" means non-fertile eggs of the species *gallus domesticus* for domestic consumption;

"the Act" means the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996);

"the Regulation" means Regulation R345 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act (Act 119 of 1990: 'Regulations regarding the grading, packing and marking of eggs destined for sale in the Republic of South Africa.

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

The measure is required by the egg industry to fund –

- (a) Transformation in the developing sector;
- (b) Consumer communication and education;
- (c) Consumer assurance;
- (d) Research and development;
- (e) Industry information and liaison;
- (f) Production development; and
- (g) Administration cost.

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

The statutory measure shall be administered by the levy administrator, who will appoint a third party 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 Poultry Association.

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 communication and education, consumer assurance, research, industry information & liaison and production development;
- b) At least 20% of the funds shall be used for transformation; and
- c) Not more than 10% of the funds shall be used for administration cost.

4. PRODUCT TO WHICH STATUTORY MEASURE APPLIES

This statutory measure shall apply to -

a) Table eggs as prescribed by Regulation R345, as amended and egg products sold to the trade.

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) R15.51 per dozen of table eggs as prescribed by Regulation R345, as amended and egg products sold to the trade

7. AMOUNT OF LEVY

The amount of the levy payable:

	Dozen of Table Eggs
From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023	R0, 018 (VAT excluded)
From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024	R0, 018 (VAT excluded)
From 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025	R0, 018 (VAT excluded)
From 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026	R0, 018 (VAT excluded)

8. PERSONS BY WHOM LEVY IS PAYABLE

The levy imposed in terms of this notice shall be -

a) 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 eggs were sold to the trade; and
- (2) Payments shall be made by means of a direct bank deposit or electronic bank transfer in favour of the levy administrator, and shall
 - a) When direct bank deposit or 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 April 2022 and will expire after four years on 31 March 2026.