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 MEASURE REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF SELLERS OF TABLE EGGS AS PRESCRIBED BY REGULATION R345, AS AMENDED AND EGG PRODUCTS SOLD TO THE TRADE

I, Angela Thokozile Didiza, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, acting under sections 10, 13, 14 and 19 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 –

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

"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; and

"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 AIMS OF THE STATUTORY MEASURE AND THE RELATION THEREOF TO OBJECTIVES OF THE ACT

The purpose and aim of this statutory measure is to compel establishments selling table eggs to the trade to register with the levy administrator. This is necessary to ensure all role-players have access to market information which is an essential ingredient in any agricultural development, access to accurate market information is very crucial in any decision-making process. Continuous and accurate market information relating to eggs sold to the trade should be available to all market participants.

The establishment of the statutory measure should assist in promoting the efficiency of the marketing of table eggs both local and abroad. The viability of the egg industry should thus be enhanced through the introduction of statutory measures. The measure is not detrimental to any objectives of the Act and, in particular, shall not be detrimental to the number of employment opportunities or fair labour practice in the egg industry.

Confidential information of any person subject to this statutory measure obtained by the levy administrator through the implementation, administration and enforcement of this statutory measure shall be dealt with in accordance with section 23(2) of the Act.

The measure shall be administered by the levy administrator who will appoint a third party to assist them with the registration of the identified role-players. The latter shall act in terms of the mandate and on behalf of the South African Poultry Association.

3. PRODUCT TO WHICH THE STATUTORY MEASURE SHALL APPLY

This statutory measure shall apply to -

 A dozen of table eggs as prescribed by regulation R345, as amended and egg products sold to the trade.

4. AREA IN WHICH STATUTORY MEASURE SHALL APPLY

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

5. REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

- (1) Any table eggs establishment selling eggs as prescribed by regulation (R345 as amended) and egg products to the trade.
- (2) Registration shall be done immediately upon receipt of a registration form obtainable free of charge for this purpose from the levy administrator, and shall –
 - a) Be submitted, when forwarded by mail, to
 The South African Poultry Association
 PO Box 1202
 Honeydew
 2040

- b) When sent by telefax, be addressed to: 011 795 9920
- (3) Any establishment selling table eggs as defined in the levy notice may apply to the levy administrator for exemption from the provisions of clause 5(1) and 5(2) of these regulations on the grounds that it is a welfare organisation as defined in terms of section 1 of the Value Added Tax Act, 1998 (Act no 89 of 1998).
- (4) The implementation, administration and enforcement of the statutory measure established in terms of these Regulations are entrusted to the levy administrator in terms of section 14 of the Act.

6. 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.