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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**NO. R. 3935****6 October 2023****MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996
(ACT No 47 OF 1996)****ESTABLISHMENT OF STATUTORY MEASURE AND DETERMINATION OF LEVIES ON
APPLES**

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

MRS A.T. DIDIZA, MP
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

SCHEDULE

Definitions

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

“Apple producer” means a producer of apples intended for exports and/or fresh domestic consumption and/or drying, as well as for the production of apple juice concentrate;

“Exporter” means a person who trade apples for export for his own account, or acts as an agent on a commission basis on behalf of apple producers;

“Municipal market” means the national fresh produce markets as defined from time to time;

“Retailer” means a person who trades apples on a retail level on the domestic market; and

“Processor” means an apple juice concentrate manufacturer and/or processor of dried fruit.

A person shall have a choice to register as either a producer or an exporter or municipal market or retailer or processor. A person who is a producer as well as an exporter or municipal market or retailer or processor must register as a producer and as an exporter or municipal market or retailer or processor.

Purpose and aims of statutory measure and the relation thereof to the objectives of the Act

2. The levy is needed by HORTGRO (Pty) Ltd to fund research projects, information and technology transfer; plant improvement functions and certification; market information and statistics; communication; trade and market access; and transformation and training for the apple industry.

The measure will not be detrimental to the employment opportunities or fair labour practice and will support the statutory measures relating to registration and the rendering of records and returns applicable to apples.

The measure will be administered by HORTGRO, a company established in terms of the Companies Act (as amended), 2008 (Act 71 of 2008). HORTGRO will implement and

administer the measure as set out in the Schedule within DFPT Finance NPC, a non-profit company, incorporated in terms of the Companies Act (as amended), 2008 (Act 71 of 2008).

Products to which statutory measure applies

3. This statutory measure shall apply to apples destined for export and/or domestic fresh consumption and/or dried and/or the manufacturing of apple juice concentrate.

Area in which measure shall apply

4. This measure shall apply in the geographical area of the Republic of South Africa.

Imposition of levy

5. A levy is hereby imposed on apples.

Amount of levy

6. The amount of the levy shall be:

	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027
Fresh export and domestic volumes	6,00 c/Kg	6,00c/Kg	6,40 c/Kg	6,40 c/Kg
Fresh exports trade and market access volumes	3,00 c/Kg	3,00 c/Kg	3,20 c/Kg	3,20 c/Kg
Dried volumes	26,00 c/Kg	26,00 c/Kg	27,00 c/Kg	27,00 c/Kg

- (a) on all apples on export (all classes) and/or domestic volumes on municipal markets and retail level (all classes) and/or dried apple volumes (all classes); and
- (b) on all apples destined for the manufacturing of apple juice concentrate by concentrate processing plants.

Persons by whom and to whom the levy shall be payable

7. (1) The levy imposed under clauses 5 and 6 shall –
- (a) be payable by an apple exporter on behalf of the producer from which such apples have been procured in respect of all apples exported;
- (b) be payable by a municipal market on behalf of the producer from which such apples have been procured in respect of all apples sold on that market;
- (c) be payable by a retailer on behalf of the producer from whom such apples have been procured in respect of apples procured by the retailer;
- (d) be payable by a processors of dried apples on behalf of the producer from whom such dried apples have been procured by the processor; and

- (e) be payable by a processor of dried apples on behalf of a producer of such apples in respect of all apples procured for manufacturing of apple juice concentrate.
- (2) A levy imposed under clauses 5 and 6 shall be payable to DFPT Finance NPC in accordance with clause 8.

Payment of the levy

- 8.
 - (1) Payment of the levy shall be made not later than sixty (60) days following the month end wherein a quantity of apples was delivered for export or for sale on a municipal market or *via* a retailer or processor, or sold *via* any other method.
 - (2) Payment shall be made by means of electronic transfer to DFPT Finance NPC, into the DFPT Finance NPC bank account obtainable from HORTGRO on request.

Commencement and period of validity

- 9. This statutory measure shall come into operation on the date of publication hereof and will lapse four (4) years later.