

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT****NO. R. 5708****20 December 2024****MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 47 OF 1996)****ESTABLISHMENT OF STATUTORY MEASURE: REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN  
PERSONS IN RESPECT OF DRIED VINE FRUIT**

I, John Henry Steenhuisen, Minister of Agriculture, acting under sections 13 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.

**MR J.H. STEENHUISEN, MP**  
**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE**

## SCHEDULE

### Definitions

1. 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:

**"currants"** means the dried vine fruit obtained from seedless currant-type vine fruit;

**"dried vine fruit"** means all dried vine fruit (i.e. raisins, seedless raisins, sultanas and currants) where either in the whole, cut up or minced form, subjected to any acknowledged drying process during which the largest part of the moisture had been abstracted therefrom, irrespective whether having been treated with water or steam or any preservative;

**"exporter"** means a person who exports dried vine fruit from the Republic of South Africa, and includes a person who arranges or handles the exports in the name of, or on behalf of another person;

**"handle(s)" or "handled"** means receive, store, dispatch or process;

**"importer"** means a person who imports dried vine fruit into the Republic of South Africa, and this includes a person who arranges or handles the imports in the name of or on behalf of another person;

**"packer"** means a person who handles dried vine fruit and packs it for the purpose of sale;

**"process"** means to sort, clean, wash, cut, mince, mix or prepare to be packed for sale;

**"processor"** includes any person concerned in the processing of dried vine fruit;

**"producer"** includes any person concerned in the production of dried vine fruit;  
**"raisins"** means the dried vine fruit other than currants and seedless raisins that is obtained from vine fruit;

**"Raisins South Africa NPC (Raisins SA)"** means the non-profit company registered in terms of the Companies Act, 2008 (Act No. 71 of 2008 as amended) and which operates under the name "Raisins South Africa NPC (Raisins SA)". Raisins SA is a non-profit company with the aim to keep the local dried vine fruit industry abreast of the need for agricultural research; strategic information on volumes and quality; to meet all sanitary and phytosanitary requirements for local and export markets; to serve the best interest of the industry as the need arises and keep the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) and Minister of Agriculture informed on strategic issues. Raisins SA is located at, 9 Groenpunt Avenue, Keidebees, Upington, Northern Cape, South Africa;

**"seedless raisins"** means the dried vine fruit obtained from seedless non-currant type vine fruit, and is either lyed or lyed and bleached or unlyed and unbleached;

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

**"vine fruit"** means the fruits of the plants of *Vitis vinifera*.

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

1. The purpose and aim of this statutory measure are to impose an obligation on importers, producers, packers, exporters, processors, handlers/traders and marketers of dried vine fruit to register with Raisins SA. The aforementioned categories / persons shall include any person who acts on behalf of and/or acts in a representative capacity of the aforementioned categories/persons. Registration of the said persons is necessary to enable Raisins SA to make

available continuous, timely and accurate market information in respect of dried vine fruit to all role-players. It is essential that market information in the deregulated market be as accurate as possible to enable the role-players in the industry to make informed decisions. Through the combination of mandatory registration of all role-players together with the submission of returns (weekly in the case of fruit intake) on an individual basis, market information of the whole country can be processed and disseminated in the marketplace/industry.

This statutory measure will not only assist in improving market access to all role-players in the industry but will also assist in promoting the affectivity of the marketing of dried vine fruit. The viability of the dried vine fruit industry will thus be promoted in general. This statutory measure will not be detrimental to the number of employment opportunities or fair labour practices. All individual information collected will be managed in an appropriate manner.

Furthermore, the second measure will be implemented, extending to dried vine fruits specifically within the Orange River Valley. This levy will be paid directly to Fruit Fly Africa (or a qualified alternative service provider) and will be dedicated solely to the management of fruit fly by Raisins SA. The proposed levy levels are intended to support the primary functions of Raisins SA in terms of pest and disease control.

#### **Products to which statutory measure applies**

4. This statutory measure shall apply to all dried vine fruit (as defined in section 1 above), which is produced in, processed in, handled in, marketed, exported from and/or imported into the Republic of South Africa.

#### **Area in which statutory measure applies**

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

#### **Registration of importers, producers, packers, exporters, processors, handlers/traders and marketers of dried vine fruit**

6. (1) All importers, producers, packers, exporters, processors,

handlers/traders and marketers of dried vine fruit shall register with Raisins SA in the manner prescribed in section 7 below. The aforementioned categories shall also include any persons who acts in the capacity of the representative capacity.

- (2) Each person who becomes an importer, producer, packer, exporter, processor or marketer shall register with Raisins SA within 30 (thirty) days after becoming an importer, producer, packer, exporter, or processor or marketer.
- (3) Upon registration of an applicant by Raisins SA, a letter of certification shall be issued.
- (4) The registration issued in terms of section 6(3) above shall expire when this statutory measure is revoked or when it is cancelled by Raisins SA.
- (5) The provisions of section 6(6) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to persons who were already registered with Raisins SA at the time of this publication.
- (6) Every importer, producer, packer, exporter, processor or marketer of dried vine fruit shall notify Raisins SA in writing within 30 (thirty) days after he / she / it has ceased to act in such a capacity, whereupon his/her/its registration will be cancelled.

**Application for registration as importer, producer, packers, exporter, processor or marketer of dried vine fruit**

7. (1) An application for registration in terms of section 6 above shall be made on the application form available from Raisins SA.
- (2) The application form shall be completed by a person who is duly authorised by an importer, producer, packer, exporter, processor, handler/trader or marketer and by any person who is duly authorised on behalf of its representative institution and it shall be accompanied by the corroborating documentation as specified in the application form.
- (3) The application form shall
  - (a) when forwarded by post, be addressed to:  
The CEO: Raisins SA

PO Box 2536

Upington

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- (b) when delivered by hand, be delivered to:

The CEO: Raisins South Africa NPC (Raisins SA)

Office number 1

9 Groenpunt Avenue

Keidebees

**Upington**

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- (c) when transmitted electronically, be sent to:

Any of the e-mail addresses or any other electronic addresses as they appear on the application form.

### **Offences and Penalties**

8. In the event of any person contravening and/or failing to comply with any provision of this statutory measure, section 24 of the Act shall apply.

### **Commencement and period of validity**

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