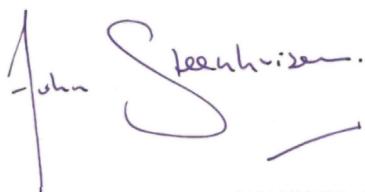

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**NO. R. 7737****24 July 2026****MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996
(ACT No 47 OF 1996)****ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY MEASURE AND DETERMINATION
OF A DIFFERENTIATED AD-HOC LEVY ON PLANTED FRUIT HECTARES
FOR FUNDING OF AN AREA-WIDE BACTROCERA DORSALIS
ERADICATION PROGRAMME IN SPECIFIED PRODUCTION REGIONS.**

I, John Henry Steenhuisen, Minister of Agriculture 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.



**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 otherwise indicates –

“Differentiated levy” means a per hectare statutory levy applicable to planted hectares in specified production regions.

“Planted hectares” means the total plantings of a specific producer of agreed products benefitting from the area wide fruit fly control programme in specified production regions.

“Producer” means a person producing products on planted hectares in specified production regions as enacted from time to time or as otherwise agreed.

“Specified Production Regions” means defined areas where producers have approved the implementation of this measure on all planted hectares included in such region.

Purpose and aims of statutory measure and the relation thereof to the objectives of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (1996)

2. The ad-hoc statutory levy is needed by the fruit industry to collect fruit producers' contribution for the funding of a *Bactrocera dorsalis* (Bd) programme in specified production regions, for execution in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture. The levy will only be invoked when required as per agreed eradication protocols.

The measure will not be detrimental to the number of employment opportunities or fair labour practice and will support other statutory measures applicable to the fruit industry at large.

The measure will be utilized by **FruitFly Africa (Pty) Ltd**, an industry service entity established in terms of the Companies Act, 2008 (Act 71 of 2008 as amended). FruitFly Africa will administer and spend the collected funds on behalf of the producers in the specified production regions and will account and report

separately thereon.

Products to which statutory measure applies and application of statutory measure

3. This statutory measure shall apply to all planted hectares in the specific productions regions. As aforementioned, the measure is a statutory enactment and as such of general application to all in accordance with the terms thereof. Accordingly, for the avoidance of doubt, the selective application and/or enforcement at the preference of any person or entity subject to the statutory measure is not permissible.

Area in which measure shall apply

4. This measure shall apply to the specified production regions as listed in this Schedule.

Imposition of statutory levy

5. A differentiated levy is hereby imposed on all planted hectares in the specific production regions as listed in this Schedule.

Amount of the levy

6. The amount of the ad-hoc levy on the planted hectares in the specified production regions shall not be more than R1,367/ha in year 1 with a 7% annual CPI adjustment in the subsequent years. The actual per hectare levy will depend on the size of the specified production region.

The costs do not include delimiting surveys as this part of the programme will continue to be funded using existing funds within the ongoing FruitFly Africa operational budget as agreed with the Department of Agriculture.

7. The amount of the levy on the planted hectares in the specified production regions shall be:

7.1 In the production region generally known as the **Hex river valley** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028;
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029;

7.2 In the production region generally known as the **De Wet** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028;
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029;

7.3 In the production region generally known as the **Brandwacht** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.4 In the production region generally known as the **Elgin-Grabouw** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028;
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.5 In the production region generally known as the **Vyeboom** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.6 In the production region generally known as the **Hemel & Aarde valley** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.7 In the production region generally known as the **Warm Bokkeveld (including Hamlet, Eselfontein road and Onder-Swaarmoed)** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.8 In the production region generally known as the **Koue Bokkeveld** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.9 In the production region generally known as the **Agter-Witzenberg** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.10 In the production region generally known as the **Bo-Swaarmoed** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.11 In the production region generally known as the **Wolseley** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.12 In the production region generally known as the **Tulbagh** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.13 In the production region generally known as the **Langkloof** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.14 In the production region generally known as the **Lower Orange River (Table grapes)** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

7.15 In the production region generally known as the **Lower Orange River (Citrus)** region:

- Not more than **R1,367/hectare** from the date of publication to 30 June 2026;
- Not more than **R1,463/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
- Not more than **R1,565/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028; and
- Not more than **R1,675/hectare** for the 12-month period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029.

Persons by whom and to whom levy shall be payable

8. (1) The levy imposed under clause 6 shall be payable by a producer or his nominee on behalf of the producer.
- (2) A levy imposed under clause 6 shall be payable to FruitFly Africa in accordance with clause 8.

Payment of a Differentiated levy

9. (1) Payment of the levy shall be made by the producer or his nominee in the manner and according to this Schedule as agreed on an annual basis with FruitFly Africa on condition that the differentiated levy must be paid fully in any 12-month cycle.
- (2) Payment shall be made by means of electronic transfer in favour of FruitFly Africa, and shall –
- (a) when electronically transferred, be paid to the bank account obtainable from and designated in writing by FruitFly Africa on

request. It is important to note that FruitFly Africa will never send only an e-mail advising of a change of banking details without further confirmation thereof by FruitFly Africa to the producer and supported by written proof of such changed banking details by means of a bank letter issued to FruitFly Africa. Any such electronic communication to a producer would be an attempt to defraud. If a producer or his nominee receives such electronic communication, the producer or his nominee must contact the offices of FruitFly Africa immediately to confirm the authenticity of such electronic communication and request written proof of such changed banking details by means of a bank letter issued to FruitFly Africa.

Commencement and period of validity

10. This statutory measure shall come into operation on the date of publication hereof and will lapse on day 30 June 2029.