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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NO. R. 8132 **5 November 2026**

MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996
(ACT NO. 47 OF 1996)

ESTABLISHMENT OF STATUTORY MEASURE: RECORDS AND RETURNS BY ABATTOIRS AND OTHER ROLE-PLAYERS IN THE RED MEAT INDUSTRY

I, Willem Abraham Stephanus Aucamp, Minister of Agriculture, hereby in terms of Sections 10, 13, 14 and 18 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.

WILLEM ABRAHAM STEPHANUS AUCAMP
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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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 otherwise indicates —

"designated animals" for purposes of this notice, means cattle, sheep and goats;

"levy notice" means any notice whereby a levy is imposed on designated animals and red meat, in terms of the Act;

"Levy Administrator" means the juristic person entrusted with the implementation, administration and enforcement of the statutory measure established in this notice, being Red Meat Industry Services NPC, a non-profit company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2008 (Act No. 71 of 2008);

"processing" in relation to red meat, means altering the meat, other than cutting, portioning, dicing and mincing such meat, to enhance the meat, and "process" and "processes" shall have a corresponding meaning;

"red meat" means any carcass or any part of a slaughtered and skinned designated animal, fresh or frozen, which has not undergone any processing other than deboning, portioning, dicing, mincing, cooling or freezing;

"handled" in relation to red meat, means deboning, portioning, dicing, mincing, cooling or freezing; and

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

2. Purpose and aim of the statutory measure and the relation thereof to the objectives of the Act

The purpose and aim of this statutory measure is to compel the parties set out herein to render records and returns to the Levy Administrator. This is necessary to ensure that continuous, timeous and accurate information relating to the designated animals slaughtered is available to all role-players. Market information is deemed essential for all role-players in order for them to make informed decisions. By prescribing the keeping of

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records with the rendering of returns on an individual basis, market information for the whole of the industry can be processed and published.

The establishment of this statutory measure should assist in promoting the efficiency of the marketing of red meat. The viability and efficiency of the red meat industry should thus be enhanced.

This statutory measure is not detrimental to any of the objectives of the Act, and in particular will not be detrimental to the number of employment opportunities or to fair labour practices in the red meat industry.

Any information obtained through this mechanism will be dealt with in a confidential manner and sensitive or potentially sensitive client-specific information shall be dealt with in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Act.

This statutory measure will be administered by the Levy Administrator, who will act in terms of the mandate and on behalf of the red meat industry through its representative structure, namely the Red Meat & Livestock Primary Cluster.

3. Products to which this statutory measure applies

This statutory measure shall apply to all —

(a) designated animals slaughtered by abattoirs;

(b) red meat from designated animals handled within the boundaries of the Republic of South Africa; and

(c) designated animals exported live from the Republic of South Africa.

4. Area in which the measure shall apply

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

5. Records to be kept, returns to be rendered and the enforcement thereof

Any person referred to in Sections 5(1) and 5(2) of the levy notice shall keep such records and render such returns as may be required by the Levy Administrator for the designated animals and red meat as contemplated in Section 3 —

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5.1. The records referred to in this notice shall —

(a) be recorded on a computer or by way of a computer programme; and

(b) be kept at the registered premises of the person required to keep such records for a period of at least three years.

5.2. The returns referred to in sub-clause (1) shall be rendered on a form or computer programme obtainable free of charge for this purpose from the Levy Administrator, and shall —

(a) be submitted, when forwarded by email, to the Levy Administrator; or

(b) be submitted by way of a computer programme.

5.3. The implementation, administration and enforcement of the statutory measure established in this notice are entrusted to the Levy Administrator in terms of Section 14 of the Act.

5.4. All returns referred to must be submitted within 14 days after the end of the calendar month in which the transaction took place.

6. Commencement and period of validity

This statutory measure shall come into operation on 5 November 2026 and will lapse on 4 November 2030, being a period of four years. The lapsing of the statutory measure shall not —

(a) affect the previous operation of the statutory measure so lapsed or anything duly done or suffered under the statutory measure so lapsed; or

(b) affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under the statutory measure so lapsed; or

(c) affect any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against the statutory measure so lapsed; or

(d) affect any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, forfeiture or punishment as acquired, accrued or incurred in terms of the statutory measure so lapsed.

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And any such investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed, as if the statutory measure had not lapsed.

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