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TABLE GRAPE INDUSTRY APPLICATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURES

NAMC REQUESTING COMMENTS / INPUTS FROM INDUSTRY ROLE PLAYERS

On 27 May 2020, the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) received a request from the South African Table Grape Industry (SATI) for the continuation of statutory measures (levies, records & returns and registration) on table grapes produced, inspected and passed for export, in terms of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (MAP Act), 1996. The current statutory measures will expire on 27 October 2020.

Currently, the following statutory measures are applicable, and it is proposed that a new four year period be implemented, namely the-

- Payment of levies (in terms of section 15 of the MAP Act);
- Keeping of records & returns (section 18); and
- Registration of directly affected groups (DAGs) (section 19).

The purpose and objective of the statutory measures relating to **records & returns and registration** are to compel DAGs in the table grapes industry to register with SATI. By combining compulsory registration with the keeping of information and the rendering of returns on an individual basis, information for the whole of the industry can be processed and disseminated and will also form the basis for the collection of levies. This is necessary to ensure that continuous, timeous and accurate information is available to all role players.

The **payment of the levy**, will be used to finance the following:

- Market Access and development (28%);
- Research and technology transfer (23%);
- Information, systems and communication (19%);
- Transformation and training (24%); and
- Administration (6%).

The current and proposed levy amounts, which will increase with approximately 3,6 cents per carton (c/carton) per year, over the next four years, (excluding VAT) are as follows:

Table grapes	Current levy	Proposed new levy amount (6.7% average annual increase)			
		2019/20	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21
Cents per 4.5 kg carton	49.0 c/carton (10.88 c/kg)	52.3 c/carton (11.62 c/kg)	55.8 c/carton (12.4 c/kg)	59.5 c/carton (13.22 c/kg)	63.5 c/carton (14.11 c/kg)

The NAMC believes that the measures requested are consistent with the objectives of the MAP Act (as set out in section 2 of the Act).

Directly affected groups (e.g. producers, packers and exporters) in the table grape industry are kindly requested to submit any comments, in writing, regarding the proposed statutory measures, to the NAMC on or before 19 June 2020, to enable the Council to finalise its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.

ENQUIRIES:

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