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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

#### NOTICE 905 OF 2022



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APPLICATION FOR AN **AMENDMENT TO A STATUTORY MEASURE** IMPLEMENTED AND AN APPLICATION FOR THE **ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW STATUTORY MEASURE** IN TERMS OF THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996, (ACT NO 47 OF 1996), (MAP ACT) AS AMENDED

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**INVITATION TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED GROUPS IN THE MAIZE, WHEAT, SUNFLOWER AND SOYBEAN INDUSTRIES TO COMMENT ON THE REQUEST FROM THE MAIZE FORUM FOR:**

**THE AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING STATUTORY MEASURE TO INCLUDE THAT MONTHLY MAIZE DELIVERIES AND STOCK LEVELS BE REPORTED ON PER CLASS AND GRADE OF MAIZE ON A NATIONAL BASIS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW STATUTORY MEASURE, NAMELY RECORDS AND RETURNS IN RESPECT OF WEEKLY MAIZE, WHEAT, SOYBEANS AND SUNFLOWER SEED PRODUCER DELIVERIES**

It is hereby made known that, in terms of section 10 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996) (MAP Act), the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development received a request from the Maize Forum for certain amendments to an existing statutory measure, as well as the establishment of a new statutory measure.

In the Maize Forum's letter dated 14 March 2022, ministerial approval is requested for the following:

1. that the existing statutory measure in respect of the monthly declarations to the SA Grain Information Service (SAGIS) on maize, oilseeds, sorghum and winter cereal as published by Government Notice No. 606 of 4 June 2008 as amended, be amended again to include that **monthly maize deliveries and stock levels be reported on per class and grade of maize on a national basis.**
2. Furthermore, that the Minister approve the proposed **establishment of a new statutory measure, namely Records and Returns on weekly producer deliveries of maize, wheat, soybeans and sunflower seed.**

**Motivation by the applicant:**

**Proposed amendment:** The actual class and grade of maize stock levels are becoming increasingly important in order for role-players to determine the availability of maize for specific purposes, especially at the end of each marketing season.

**Proposed new statutory measure:** In the past, the weekly producer deliveries of grains and oilseeds were reported by grain silo operators on a voluntary basis, but not reported by the other stakeholders that receive grains and oilseeds directly from producers. In order for the market to operate efficiently, the weekly deliveries should ideally be reported on by all stakeholders. The aim and objectives of this statutory measure are to compel any person directly and indirectly involved in receiving maize, wheat, soybeans and sunflower seed directly from a farm of a producer on his premises, to keep records and submit weekly returns to SAGIS. These persons include end-consumers, storers, exporters, processors, traders, transporters, agents, etc. The statutory measure is deemed necessary in order to ensure that accurate producer deliveries information in respect of maize, wheat, soybeans and sunflower seed is made available more frequently to all role-players and decision makers in the grain industry.

SAGIS was specifically established for the purpose of handling information gathering, processing and dissemination on behalf of the various cereal and oil seed industries in South Africa. This statutory measure will be administered by SAGIS but as a task separate to its main task of monthly national marketing information. The weekly information will be made available to the market but will not be verified by SAGIS. Only monthly information will be verified in order to ensure accuracy.

**Invitation for comments:**

As the proposed amendment to the existing statutory measure, as well as the request for the establishment of a new statutory measure, are consistent with the objectives of the MAP Act, the NAMC is investigating the Maize Forum's requests, in order to make a recommendation to the Minister.

**Directly affected groups in the maize, wheat, sunflower and soybean industries are kindly requested to submit comments or objections regarding the proposed amendment as well as the proposed establishment of a new statutory measure to the NAMC in writing (e-mail to [lizettem@namc.co.za](mailto:lizettem@namc.co.za)) on or before 8 April 2022, to enable the Council to formulate its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.**