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**TABLE GRAPE INDUSTRY
APPLICATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURES**

NAMC REQUESTING COMMENTS / INPUTS FROM INDUSTRY ROLE PLAYERS

On 5 April 2024, 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 23 October 2024.

Currently, the following statutory measures are applicable, and it is proposed that the statutory measures be continued for a new four-year period. The measures are as follows:

- 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:

- Financial and administration management (6.9%).
- Communication and stakeholder relations (3.5%);
- Commercial industry affairs (9.2%);
- Market access and technical (16.3%);
- Market development (5.5%);
- Producer management (9%);
- Research and development (22%);
- Human capacity and skills development (7.4%); and
- Transformation (20%).

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 (4.1% average annual increase)			
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Cents per 4.5 kg carton	63.5 c/carton (14.10 c/kg)	63.5 c/carton (14,10 c/kg)	66.4 c/carton (14,70 /kg)	69.7 c/carton (15.50 c/kg)	73.2 c/carton (16.30 c/kg)

Proposed budget for the new four (4) year period:

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Total levy income	
Inspected & Passed for Export Cartons	74 064 411	76 286 343	70 564 868	77 621 354	74 634 244	
Levy per Carton cents per 4.5 Kg carton	0,635	0,664	0,697	0,732		
Statutory Levy income	R 48 134 825	R 51 758 752	R 50 246 526	R 57 921 317	R 208 061 420	
Expenditure:	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Total levy expenditure	%
Financial and administration management	R3 239 676	R3 425 958	R3 622 950	R3 831 270	R14 119 854	7%
Communication and stakeholder relations	R1 657 891	R1 753 220	R1 854 030	R1 960 637	R7 225 779	4%
Commercial industry affairs	R4 301 379	R4 548 708	R4 810 259	R5 086 849	R18 747 194	9%
Market access and technical	R7 631 967	R8 070 806	R8 534 877	R9 025 632	R33 263 282	16%
Market development	R2 589 292	R2 738 176	R2 895 621	R3 062 120	R11 285 209	6%
Producer management	R4 217 973	R4 460 506	R4 716 985	R4 988 212	R18 383 677	9%
Research and development	R10 867 627	R11 084 979	R11 362 104	R11 646 157	R44 960 867	22%
Human capacity and training	R3 466 325	R3 665 638	R3 876 413	R4 099 306	R15 107 682	7%
Transformation	R10 700 864	R10 630 559	R9 341 604	R10 505 617	R41 178 644	20%
Total expenditure	R48 672 994	R50 378 551	R51 014 843	R54 205 799	R204 272 187	
Surplus / Deficit	-R538 169	R1 380 201	-R768 317	R3 715 518	R3 789 233	

The NAMC believes that the proposed statutory 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 (**e-mail to mathildavdw@namc.co.za**) on or before 10 May 2024, to enable the Council to finalise its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.