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NEWS STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING COUNCIL (NAMC)

SOUTH AFRICAN MACADAMIA INDUSTRY - APPLICATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURES

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS / INPUTS FROM ROLE PLAYERS

On 28 September 2026, Macadamias South Africa NPC (SAMAC NPC), on behalf of directly affected groups in the macadamia industry, applied to the Minister of Agriculture, for the continuation of the statutory measures (levies, registration and records & returns) on macadamia nuts [Dry Nut-in-Shell (DNIS)] for a new four-year period.

The current statutory measures will expire on 28 February 2027. The application proposes the continuation of these measures for a further four-year period, commencing on 1 March 2027 and ending on 28 February 2031.

SAMAC applied for the following statutory measures:

Statutory measure	**Product**	**Affected groups**
A per kg levy (excluding VAT) of: • R0.77 - 1 March 2027 – 28 February 2028; • R0.80 - 1 March 2028 – 28 February 2029; • R0.83 - 1 March 2029 – 28 February 2030; and • R0.86 - 1 March 2030 – 28 February 2031.	Macadamia nuts (all forms, expressed as DNIS at 1.5% kernel moisture content for levy purposes).	Producers; Processors; Packers, Traders; Importers; Marketers; Exporters; and Consolidators.
Registration with SAMAC;	Macadamia nuts; and Macadamia products including nut-in-shell and kernel	Producers; Processers; Traders; Importers; Exporters; Packers; Persons who consolidate macadamia nuts, and Nurseries.
keeping of records; and submission of returns to SAMAC	Macadamia nut (in shell and kernel) Macadamia trees; Domestic production and processing volumes; and import and export	Producers; Processers; Traders; Importers;

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	volumes	Exporters; Packers; Persons who consolidate macadamia nuts; and Nurseries.

The proposed levy is intended to finance activities that support the sustainable growth and competitiveness of the South African macadamia industry. These include market access and industry promotion, research, information and innovation, and transformation and industry development. Specific activities include domestic and international market development, industry promotion, research and technology transfer, the collection and dissemination of industry information, and engagement with government and other relevant stakeholders locally and internationally.

The proposed levy (R0.77 p/kg for 2028), would represent approximately 0.77%, R75.00 per kg, of the guideline price (for macadamias DNIS 1.5% kernel moisture), of the domestic producers' selling price (first point of sale). This could result in an income of approximately R75 460 000 for the 2028 financial year based on a conservative macadamia nut production estimate of 92 222 tons DNIS.

Registration, records and returns are necessary to:

- Ensure the continuous collection, verification and dissemination of accurate, timely and reliable information relating to macadamia production, processing, trade and industry participants, thereby supporting informed decision-making, industry planning and sustainable growth;
- Support reliable industry statistics, including production forecasts, tree census information, stock levels and domestic and international trade volumes;
- Promote traceability, sound product handling, quality standards and responsible trading practices throughout the macadamia value chain;
- Support the monitoring of industry development and transformation initiatives; and
- Facilitate the effective administration, verification and collection of statutory levies.

The continuation of these statutory measures will assist in promoting the efficiency of the marketing of macadamia nuts and its products, strengthen the industry's competitiveness and support its long-term sustainability and growth. The measures will not be detrimental to the number of employment opportunities or to fair labour practices. Any information obtained will be dealt with in a confidential manner and no sensitive client-specific information will be made available to any party without the prior approval of the party whose rights may be affected.

The continuation of these statutory measures will contribute to the efficient marketing of macadamias and macadamia products, strengthen the industry's competitiveness and support its long-term sustainability and growth. The measures are not expected to have a detrimental effect on employment opportunities or fair labour practices within the industry.

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Directly affected groups in the macadamia industry is kindly requested to submit any comments regarding support or objections relating to the proposed establishment of statutory measures to the NAMC in writing (e-mail to mathildavdw@namc.co.za) before or on 13 November 2026, to enable the Council to finalise its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.