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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NO. R. 8131 **5 November 2026**

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

ESTABLISHMENT OF STATUTORY MEASURE: REGISTRATION OF ROLE-PLAYERS IN THE RED MEAT INDUSTRY

I, Willem Abraham Stephanus Aucamp, Minister of Agriculture, hereby in terms sections 10, 13, 14 and 19 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, unless the context otherwise indicates —

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

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

"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; 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 register with the Levy Administrator. This is necessary to ensure that continuous, timeous and accurate information relating to designated animals slaughtered and red meat are available to all role-players. Market information is deemed essential to all role-players in order for them to make informed decisions.

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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.

The 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.

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 & Livestock Primary Cluster through its representative structure.

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. Registration and enforcement thereof

Any person referred to in sections 5(1) and 5(2) of the levy notice shall on an annual basis register or re-register with the Levy Administrator at the discretion of the Levy Administrator.

5.1. Registration shall be done immediately upon receipt of a registration form, or upon receipt of an invitation from an electronic system obtainable free of charge for this purpose from the Levy Administrator, and must —

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

(b) when sent by the electronic system, be submitted on that system.

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5.2. The implementation, administration and enforcement of the statutory measure established in this notice are entrusted to a non-profit company as contemplated in the Companies Act, 2008 (Act No. 71 of 2008).

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.

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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