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**MACADAMIA INDUSTRY
APPLICATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURES**

NAMC REQUESTING COMMENTS FROM INDUSTRY ROLE PLAYERS

On 15 May 2018, Macadamia South Africa Non Profit Company (SAMAC), applied on behalf of directly affected groups in the macadamia industry, to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, for the continuation of statutory measures (levies, registration and record & returns) on macadamia nuts, husk, kernels or in-shell, trees (both in nurseries and in the field), in terms of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No.47 of 1996) (MAP Act). The current statutory measures will lapse on 14 November 2018.

Recently, members of the Southern African Macadamia Growers' Association changed its structure and approved the incorporation of the voluntarily association into a non-profit company. The existing voluntary association and its' Board will continue to exist until November 2018 (for legal and administrative purposes only). The new registered SAMAC Board (non-profit company) will in future manage the affairs of the macadamia industry.

SAMAC applied for the following statutory measures and it is proposed that the statutory measures be implemented for a new four year period (from 15 November 2018 to 14 November 2022):

Statutory measure	Product	Directly affected groups
A levy of R0.50/kg Dry-Nut-In-Shell (DNIS) (excluding VAT)	Macadamia nuts	Producers; processors; traders; and importers.
Registration with SAMAC	Macadamia nuts; and macadamia products for sales as nut in-shell	Producers; Processors; traders; importers; person who consolidate macadamia nuts; and nurseries.
Keeping of records and submitting of returns to SAMAC	Macadamia nuts (in-shell and kernel); and macadamia trees	Producers; Processors; traders; importers; person who consolidate macadamia nuts; and nurseries.

The proposed levies will finance functions such as research, transformation, quality standards, generic proportions and industry liaison (with government and other bodies both locally and internationally).

The current and proposed statutory levies (excluding VAT) are as follows:

Period	Current levy	Proposed levy			
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Rand/kg DNIS	R0.23	R0.50	R0.56	R0.62	R0.68

According to SAMAC, the reason for the increase is due to low income generated from the existing levy. SAMAC is of the opinion, that the increase in statutory levy will assist the macadamia industry to function and grow to its full potential.

Statutory measures relating to registration, records and returns are necessary to:

- Ensure the availability and provision of continuous, timeous and accurate information relating to macadamia nuts and macadamia nut products to all stakeholders in the industry, which is essential in ensuring informed decision making, and a stable and profitable industry;
- Ensure adherence to sound product handling, quality control systems and ethical trading; as well as transformation of the industry, and
- Administration of the proposed levy.

The continuation of these statutory measures will assist in promoting the efficiency of the marketing of macadamia nuts and its products and the viability of the macadamia nut industry should thus be enhanced. The measures will not be detrimental to food security, the number of employment opportunities or to fair labour practice within the economy.

The National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) took cognisance that the proposed continuation of the statutory measures relating to levies, registration, the keeping of records and the rendering of returns in the macadamia nut industry as requested by SAMAC, is consistent with the objectives of the MAP Act. The request is currently being investigated by the NAMC and recommendations in this regard will be made to the Minister in the near future.

Directly affected groups in the macadamia nut industry are kindly requested to submit any comments regarding support or objections relating to the proposed statutory measures to the NAMC in writing before or on 15 June 2018, to enable the Council to finalise its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.

ENQUIRIES:

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