



**APPLICATION FOR THE CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT OF STATUTORY MEASURES
(REGISTRATION, RECORDS AND RETURNS) RELATING TO MAIZE PRODUCTS AND
WHEATEN PRODUCTS, IN TERMS OF THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
ACT, ACT NO 47 OF 1996**

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**INVITATION TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED GROUPS IN THE GRAIN INDUSTRY TO FORWARD
COMMENTS REGARDING THE REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GRAIN
INFORMATION SERVICE (SAGIS)**

The National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) received a request from the South African Grain Information Service (SAGIS), on behalf of directly affected groups in the grain industry, for the continuation and amendment of statutory measures that relate to the registration and the keeping of information and submitting monthly returns in respect of maize products and wheaten products manufactured, processed, imported and/or exported. These measures were approved by the Minister and published on 14 November 2014, to lapse on 14 November 2018. The request is for the continuation of these statutory measures for a further four-year period until November 2022. The requested amendment only refers to the relocation of SAGIS to the Grain Building.

The information collected by SAGIS is the only reliable information available in South Africa regarding the manufacture, processing, import and export of maize products and wheaten products. This is only possible by means of statutory measures and is crucial for the effective operation of the maize and wheat markets and for market participants to be able to plan properly. The supply of generic market information to all role players, on a continuous basis, is therefore essential. The maintenance of macro industry information is regarded as critical for strategic planning by the maize and wheat industries, as well as for individual directly affected groups.

For the above reasons, SAGIS requested for the continuation of the statutory measures in order to provide for the registration of the relevant parties and for the gathering and dissemination of proper market information to the benefit of the maize and wheat industries. SAGIS has been established as an objective and reliable provider of information, both nationally and internationally.

All manufacturers, importers and exporters of maize products and wheaten products should register with SAGIS. Furthermore, each manufacturer, importer and exporter of maize products and wheaten products, excluding such manufacturers, importers and exporters that

are not registered VAT vendors, shall keep complete records for each calendar month in respect of maize products and wheaten products that are manufactured, imported or exported by them for own use or for commercial purposes. This shall include any person who acts in the capacity of the aforementioned persons.

The term "maize product" means the following products derived from maize:

Maize Chop

Maize Grits

Maize Rice

Samp

Sifted Maize Meal

Special Maize Meal

Super Maize Meal and

Unsifted Maize Meal

The term "wheaten product" means the following products derived from wheat:

Brown Pan Baked Bread (400g/600g/700g/other)

White Pan Baked Bread (400g/600g/700g/other)

Whole Wheat Pan Baked Bread (400g/600g/700g/other)

Other Pan Baked Bread

Wheat Bran

Wheat Meal

Brown Bread Flour

Cake Flour

Other Bread Flour

Self-Raising Flour and

White Bread Flour

The continuation and amendment of the statutory measures, if approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, will come into operation on the date of publication for a further period of four years.

Directly affected groups in the grain industry are kindly requested to submit any comments regarding the proposals to the NAMC in writing (fax 012 341 1811/ 012 341 1911 or e-mail to lizettem@namc.co.za) before or on 25 May 2018, to enable the Council to formulate its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.

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