
NEWS STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING COUNCIL (NAMC)

REQUEST FOR THE CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURES:

REGISTRATION, RECORDS AND RETURNS IN RESPECT OF MAIZE, WINTER CEREALS, SORGHUM AND OILSEEDS AND WEEKLY RECORDS AND RETURNS FOR IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF WHOLE MAIZE AND WHEAT, IN TERMS OF THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, ACT NO 47 OF 1996

INVITATION TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED GROUPS IN THE GRAINS AND OILSEEDS INDUSTRIES TO FORWARD COMMENTS TO THE NAMC

The National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) received a request from the South African Grain Information Service (SAGIS), on behalf of the directly affected groups in the grains and oilseeds industries, for the continuation of statutory measures related to registration, records and returns, and in particular:

- the registration of all end-consumers, storers, processors, importers and exporters of maize, oilseeds, sorghum or winter cereal with SAGIS;
- the keeping of records and submitting of monthly returns to SAGIS in respect of maize, oilseeds, sorghum and winter cereal handled, imported or exported; and
- keeping of records and submitting of weekly returns to SAGIS in respect of imports and exports of whole maize and whole wheat.

To enable SAGIS to continue its functions, SAGIS requested ministerial approval that the relevant statutory measures that will expire on 30 April 2020, be extended for a further period of four years to lapse on 30 April 2024.

The NAMC took cognisance that the proposed continuation of the statutory measures as requested by SAGIS is consistent with the objectives of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act no 47 of 1996), as amended. The request is being investigated by the NAMC and recommendations in this regard will be made to the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

Directly affected groups in the grains and oilseeds industries are kindly requested to submit any comments regarding support or objections relating to the proposed continuation of statutory measures to the NAMC in writing (fax 012 341 1911 or e-mail to lizettem@namc.co.za) before or on 30 August 2019, to enable the Council to finalise its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.

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