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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NO. 7984 **1 October 2026**

MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996

(ACT No 47 OF 1996)

CONTINUATION OF STATUTORY MEASURE AND DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE PRICES: LEVIES RELATING TO WHEAT, BARLEY AND OATS

I, Willem Abraham Stephanus Aucamp, Minister of Agriculture, acting under sections 13 and 15 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996), as amended, hereby—

(a) establish the continuation of the statutory measure set out in the Schedule hereto;

and

(b) Determine the guideline price for wheat as R6,245.22 per metric ton.

WILLEM ABRAHAM STEPHANUS AUCAMP

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Schedule any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates —

"barley" means the kernels of the genus *Hordeum;*

"oats" means the kernels of the genus *Avena sativa*;

"producer" means a person who produces wheat and/or barley and/or oats or a person on whose behalf wheat and/or barley and/or oats is produced;

"the Act" means the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996);

"wheat" means the kernels of the species *Triticum aestivum;* and

"SACTA" means the SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC.

Purpose and aim of statutory measure and the relation thereof to the objectives of the Act

2. The purpose and aim of this statutory measure are to compensate breeders of wheat, barley and oats varieties for their contribution towards obtaining and utilising improved international agriculture related intellectual property to the benefit of the wheat, barley and oats industries in the Republic of South Africa.

The agricultural sector is expected to ensure food security, strengthen the economy and create job opportunities. This can be reconciled with the provisions of Section 2(3) of the Act. In order to achieve these aims and to further the

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competitive position of the wheat, barley and oats industries in the Republic of South Africa, it is essential to cultivate high yielding crops from seed varieties that are most suited for particular regions in the country.

For the optimisation of possible export earnings, it is also imperative for South African commodities to conform to international quality standards so that South African producers of wheat, barley and oats can remain competitive in the international markets.

The statutory measure shall be administered by the SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC (SACTA). The levies collected will be administered in separate accounts for wheat, barley and oats respectively. SACTA shall be audited annually in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

A portion of the funds collected by means of the levy will be focused on small-scale farmers and transformation in the wheat, barley and oats industries in the Republic of South Africa. SACTA shall allocate 20% of the levy proceeds to transformation initiatives in the grains industries, by means of service providers of its choice, and report back to the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) annually.

Products to which statutory measure applies

3. This statutory measure shall apply to wheat, barley and oats.

Area in which statutory measure applies

4. This statutory measure shall apply within the geographical area of the Republic of South Africa.

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Imposition of levy

5. A levy is hereby imposed on all wheat, barley and oats –

(a) sold by or on behalf of the producer thereof;

(b) processed or converted or caused to be processed or converted into a wheaten or barley or oats product, by or on behalf of the producer thereof, if the wheaten or barley or oats product is intended to be disposed of; and

(c) in respect of which a silo receipt has been issued, if the levy in respect of such wheat, barley or oats has not already been paid in terms of paragraph (a) or (b).

Amount of the levy

6. The amounts of the levies (excluding Value Added Tax) will be as follows:

Commodity	Period	Amount (VAT excluded)
Wheat	1/10/2026 to 30/9/2027	R 35,00 per metric ton
	1/10/2027 to 30/9/2028	R 35,00 per metric ton
Barley	1/10/2026 to 30/9/2027	R 35,00 per metric ton
	1/10/2027 to 30/9/2028	R 35,00 per metric ton
Oats	1/10/2026 to 30/9/2027	R 35,00 per metric ton
	1/10/2027 to 30/9/2028	R 35,00 per metric ton

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Persons by whom and to whom the levies are payable

7. (1) The levy payable in terms of clause 5 shall –

(a) in the case of a levy contemplated in clause 5(a), be payable by the buyer of the wheat and/or barley and/or oats;

(b) in the case of a levy contemplated in clause 5(b), be payable by the processor or converter of the wheat or barley or oats.

(c) in the case of a levy contemplated in clause 5(c), be payable by the person issuing such silo receipt.

(2) The amount of the levy payable by the buyer in terms of sub-clause (1)(a) and sub-clause (1)(b) may be recovered from the producer.

(3) The amount of the levy payable by the person issuing the silo receipt in terms of sub-clause 1(c) may be recovered from the person to whom such silo receipt is issued.

(4) Persons contemplated in sub-clause (1)(a), (1)(b) and (1)(c) may claim 2,5% commission on the amount of the levies recovered, in accordance with the conditions set by SACTA from time to time.

Payment of levy

8. (1) Payment of a levy imposed in terms of clause 5 shall be made by the persons contemplated in clause 7 not later than the last day of the month following the month in which the wheat or barley or oats has been delivered, sold, processed, converted or a silo receipt issued.

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(2) Payment shall be made in favour of the SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC and has to be accompanied by a duly completed return form, containing the information as prescribed by the SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC. If no levy is payable in a particular month, a nil return shall be submitted to the SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC.

(3) Payment shall –

(a) when forwarded by post, be addressed to –

The SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC
P O Box 74626
LYNNWOOD RIDGE
0040

(b) when delivered by hand, be delivered to –

The SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC
Grain Building Agri-hub Office Park (Block D)
477/478 Witherite Street
THE WILLOWS
Pretoria
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(c) when transferred electronically, be paid into the designated bank account of the SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC.

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Commencement and period of validity

9. (1) This statutory measure shall come into operation on 1 October 2026 and shall lapse on 30 September 2028.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause (1), the Minister may, after evaluation and review of the measure under section 9(1)(f) of the Act, by notice in the Government Gazette determine that the measure shall lapse on a date specified in that notice: Provided that such date shall not be later than the date determined under sub-clause (1).

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