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Promoting market access for South African agriculture

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To: Directly affected groups registered for maize
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INVITATION TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED GROUPS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY TO FORWARD COMMENTS ON THE REQUEST FROM THE MAIZE FORUM FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING STATUTORY MEASURE RELATING TO RECORDS AND RETURNS IN RESPECT OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF MAIZE

The current statutory measure in terms of Section 18 of the MAP Act, administered by the South African Grain Information Service (SAGIS), include the following:

> *Records and weekly returns on maize and/or wheat imports and/or exports:*
> *Each end-consumer, importer, storer, exporter and processor of maize and/or wheat shall keep complete records for each week (Saturday to Friday) in respect of maize and/or wheat imported or exported by him, and submit to SAGIS an accurate return in respect of physical exports and imports that realised during the past week. These shall also include any person, e.g. a producer, agent, trader, transporter etc. who acts in the capacity of the aforementioned persons.*

This statutory measure was implemented on 4 June 2008 and continued on 9 September 2011 to lapse on 30 April 2016. On 25 November 2015, the Minister again approved the continuation of the statutory measure, to lapse on 30 April 2020.

Although this statutory measure directs that actual and physical imports and exports are weekly recorded by SAGIS, intended import and export transactions where firm contracts have been concluded, are not included.

On 22 August 2017, the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) received a request from the Maize Forum for the amendment of the existing statutory measure, namely to include that 'every importer and exporter of maize shall issue a weekly declaration to SAGIS containing all the required information pertaining to maize that is intended to be imported or exported, provided that the quantities to be imported or exported be declared eight weeks prior to the date on which the vessel transporting the maize arrive or depart from South Africa'.

As the proposed amendment to the existing statutory measure is consistent with the objectives of the MAP Act, the NAMC is investigating the possible implementation of the proposed amendment, in order to make a recommendation to the Minister.

Directly affected groups in the maize industry are kindly requested to submit comments or objections regarding the proposed amendment to the NAMC in writing (fax 012 341 1911 or e-mail lizettem@namc.co.za) on or before 22 September 2017, to enable the Council to formulate its recommendation to the Minister in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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