

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. R. 5471

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**MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996
(ACT No. 47 OF 1996)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF STATUTORY MEASURES AND DETERMINATION
OF LEVIES ON TABLE GRAPES**

I, Jonh Henry Steenhuisen, Minister of Agriculture acting under sections 13 and 15 of the Marketing of Agricultural Product Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996), hereby establish the statutory measure set out in the Schedule.

**MR J.H. STEENHUISEN, MP
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 indicates otherwise-

“Exporter” means a person who exports table grapes for his own account, or acts as an agent on a commission basis or for a fee to export table grapes on behalf of table grape producers;

“SATI” means the South African Table Grape Industry NPC, a non-profit company incorporated in terms of the Companies Act, 71 of 2008, whose members are producers who produce table grapes within the borders of South Africa;

“Table grapes” means fresh table grapes;

“Table grape producer” means a producer of table grapes; and

“Vines” means vines intended for the production of table grapes.

A person shall register either as a producer or as an exporter. A person who is a producer as well as an exporter must register as a producer and as an exporter.

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

2. The purpose of this statutory measure is to impose a levy on all inspected volumes of table grapes passed for export in terms of section 13 read with section 15 of the Act. The levy is needed by SATI to fund and facilitate market access, information and communication, research and development programmes, technology transfer, transformation and training, and administration in the interest of the table grapes industry.

These measures are necessary to ensure that continuous, timeous and accurate information relating to the Table Grape industry is available to relevant role players in order for them to make informed decisions in the spheres as indicated.

The measure will not be detrimental to the number of employment opportunities or fair labour practice and will support the statutory measures relating to registration and the rendering of returns applicable to table grapes.

The measure will be implemented and administered by SATI.

Products to which statutory measure applies

3. This statutory measure shall apply to all volumes of table grapes, inspected and passed for export.

Area in which measures applies

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

Imposition of levy

5. A levy is hereby imposed to be paid on all volumes of table grapes inspected and passed for export.

Amount of levy

6. The levy shall be imposed on all volumes of table grapes inspected and passed for export (all classes) at the following rates:
 - 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025 – 63.5 cents per 4.5 kg equivalent carton (14,10 cents per kg).
 - 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2026 – 66.4 cents per 4.5 kg equivalent carton (14,70 cents per kg).

- 1 November 2026 to 31 October 2027 – 69.7 cents per 4.5 kg equivalent carton (15.50 cents per kg).
- 1 November 2027 to 31 October 2028 – 73.2 cents per 4.5 kg equivalent carton (16.30 cents per kg).

Persons/Institutions by whom and to whom levy is payable

7. (1) The levy imposed under clause 5 shall be payable:
- (a) By table grape producers in respect of all table grapes inspected and passed for export;
 - (b) By exporters of table grapes who export table grapes on behalf of table grape producers on a commission basis or for a fee.
- (2) A levy imposed under clause five (5) shall be payable to SATI in accordance with clause eight (8).

Payment of the Levy

8. (1) Payment of the levy shall be made not later than sixty (60) days following the end of the month during which the inspection of a quantity of table grapes was done and the particular quantity was approved for export. Any payment not paid within this period will be charged interest at a rate of 1% per month.
- (2) Payment shall be made by means of electronic transfer in favour of and into the bank account of SATI. Bank details are available from SATI on request.

Use of levy

9. The Minister approves that:
- a) at least 70% of the levy funds should be used for the core business functions of SATI, e.g. research;
 - b) not more than 10% for administrative use; and
 - c) at least 20% be allocated towards transformation.

Commencement and period of validity

10. This statutory measure shall come into operation on the date of publication hereof and lapse after four (4) years.