DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES DEPARTEMENT VAN LANDBOU, BOSBOU EN VISSERYE

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

ESTABLISHMENT OF STATUTORY MEASURE: REGISTRATION OF PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS OF TABLE GRAPES

I, Tina Joemat-Petterssen, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries acting under sections 13 and 19 of the Marketing of Agricultural Product Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996), hereby established the statutory measure set out in the Schedule.

TINA JOEMAT-PETTERSSEN.

Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

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.

"Table grapes" means fresh table grapes to be exported;

"Exporter" means a person who trades fresh table grapes for export for his own account, or acts as an agent on a commission basis on behalf of producers;

"Grape Producers" means a producer of table grapes intended for fresh table grape exports;

"SAT" means South African Table Grape Producers' Association, which is an association of farmers who produce Table Grapes within the borders of South Africa. The principle office of SAT is 2 Bergsig Avenue, Zomerlust Estate, Berg River Boulevard, Paarl, 7620, Western Cape, South Africa;

"SATI" means the South African Table Grape Industry, a section 21 company incorporated in terms of the Companies Act (61 of 1973) whose members are all members of SAT. SATI is the operational arm of SAT and its principle office is 2 Bergsig Avenue, Zomerlust Estate, Berg River Boulevard, Paarl, 7620, Western Cape, South Africa; and

"Vines" means vines intended for the production of table grapes.

A person shall have a choice to register as either a producer or 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 and aims of the statutory measure is to compel the parties set out hereinto register with the South African Table Grape Industry (SATI). Registration is necessary to assist SATI in ensuring that continuous, timeous and accurate information relating to the products as defined is available to all role players. Market information is deemed essential for all role players in order for them to make informed decisions. By combining compulsory registration with the keeping of information and the rendering of returns on an individual basis, market information for the whole of the industry can be processed and disseminated and will form the basis for the collection of levies where applicable and appropriate.

The establishment of the measure would assist in promoting the efficiency of the marketing of table grapes. The viability of the table grape industry should thus be enhanced. The measure will not be detrimental to the number of employment opportunities or fair labour practice.

It will be administered by the SATI, a section 21 company incorporated in terms of Companies Act 1973 (Act 61, 1973) SATI will implement and administer the measure as set out in the Schedule.

Products to which statutory measure applies

3. This statutory measure shall apply to table grapes intended for export.

Area in which statutory measure applies

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

Registration of parties concerned

- 5. (1) All producers and exporters of table grapes destined for export shall register with SATI.
 - (2) A person shall have a choice to register as either a producer or exporter.
 - (3) A person who is a producer as well as a producer or exporter shall register as a producer and as an exporter.

Application for registration

- 6. (1) be made within 30 days of the commencement of this statutory measure, and in the case of a person becoming a party as contemplated in clause 5 after such date of commencement, within 30 days of becoming such a party;
 - (2) be made on the application form obtainable free of charge from SATI;
 - (3) be submitted, when forwarded by post, to

SATI

PO Box 2932

PAARL

7620

(4) when delivered by hand, be delivered to-

SATI

2 Bergsig Avenue,

Zomerlust Estate

Berg River Boulevard

PAARL

7646

- (5) when sent by telefax, be addressed to 021 872 4375
- (6) when sent by Email, addressed toinfo@satgi.co.za

Commencement and period of validity

7. This statutory measure shall come into operation on the date of publication hereof and shall lapse on 31 October 2016.