

## **MEMORANDUM TO OLIVE PRODUCERS, PROCESSORS & IMPORTERS**

### **COLLECTION OF STATUTORY LEVIES (INDUSTRY FUNDS) IN TERMS OF THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT (ACT 47 OF 1996)**

This memorandum serves as confirmation on the procedure and method of statutory levy collection for the approved 4 year period.

#### **1. ADMINISTRATION OF STATUTORY LEVIES**

Hortgro (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the administrator of the collection of the statutory levies. Levy collections will be channelled through DFPT Finance in accordance with the prescriptions of the NAMC and the Auditor General as mandated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

#### **2. APPROVED STATUTORY LEVIES**

Kindly refer to **Annexure A, Government Gazette 35384 no 414** published on 1 June 2012 pertaining to the determination of statutory levies on table olives and olive oil.

*The amount of the approved levy is as follows:*

- 8c / kg on all table olives; and
- 40c / litre on all olive oil, excluding VAT

#### **3. AFFECTED PARTIES**

##### **3.1 LEVIES PAYABLE ON DOMESTIC PRODUCTION**

**ALL** growers and processors must collect the approved levies on table olives and olive oil from **ALL** producers and pay it over to DFPT Finance.

##### **3.1 (a) OLIVE OIL – DOMESTIC**

Producers and growers must submit on a monthly basis all products sold and pay the levies over to DFPT Finance.

### 3.1 (b) TABLE OLIVES - DOMESTIC

Producers and growers must submit on a monthly basis all products sold and pay the levies over to DFPT Finance.

### 3.2 LEVIES PAYABLE ON IMPORTED PRODUCTS

**ALL** importers must collect the approved levies on table olives and olive oil from **ALL** suppliers and pay it over to DFPT Finance.

In practice the above mentioned stipulates that the entity importing on consignment on behalf of the suppliers or purchasing the table olives and olive oil from the supplier(s) must deduct the statutory levy and pay the deducted levy over to DFPT Finance.

## 4. RECORDS AND RETURNS

Kindly refer to **Annexure B, Government Gazette 35384 no 412** published on 1 June 2012 pertaining to olive trees as well as domestic production, processing and importation of table olives and olive oil. In addition, an **excel spreadsheet pertaining to the records and returns** will be provided.

Please note that we are empowered in terms of the Act to obtain information from other sources, to enable us to verify the accuracy of the figures submitted by a specific producer, processor or importer.

## 5. REGISTRATION

Kindly refer to **Annexure C, Government Gazette 35384 no 413** published on 1 June 2012 pertaining to the registration of producers, processors and importers of table olives and olive oil. The registration form (**Annexure D**) is therefore attached which should be completed and submitted to the Hortgro office as soon as possible. An electronic copy can be requested from [cathy@hortgro.co.za](mailto:cathy@hortgro.co.za).

## 6. LEVY COLLECTION PROCEDURE

### Submission of Monthly Returns

A schedule of the amount to be paid per producer must be submitted to DFPT Finance on a monthly basis. See **Annexure E** for the format (incl. banking details). Payments are to be made via cheque or electronically to DFPT Finance, in which case it is imperative that detail of the electronic payment be forwarded via fax to 021 870 2915 for attention Cathy Cairns or via e-mail to [cathy@hortgro.co.za](mailto:cathy@hortgro.co.za).

This schedule is essential to enable us to correctly allocate the contributions and to ensure that all role-players are adhering to the statute. A VAT invoice will then be issued, where after the payment can be made.

### Confidentiality

HORTGRO (Pty) Ltd would like to stress the importance of the confidential manner in which all submitted information will be managed, and would like to thank you in advance for your continued co-operation in this respect.

## 7. COMPLIANCE

As part of the process, HORTGRO (Pty) Ltd must report to the NAMC and Auditor General on the success of the levy collection and thus has the mandate to request audits on suppliers/ importers if compliance is not met.

We look forward to the successful implementation of the measure. The partnership between the growers, nurseries, processors, importers and HORTGRO (Pty) Ltd is of absolute importance to maintain a strong and vibrant industry.

Queries or suggestions can be forwarded to [cathy@hortgro.co.za](mailto:cathy@hortgro.co.za) or telephonically to 021 870 2900.

Kind Regards

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