

Dear producers and members,

## COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY MEASURES FOR THE OLIVE INDUSTRY

We hereby wish to remind you of previous correspondence that was shared with SA Olive members and producers regarding the failure to register at SA Olive, and/or failure to provide the correct statutory records and returns for purposes of determining the levy due to SA Olive.

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development appointed SA Olive in Government Gazettes 1238, 1239 and 1240 to administer the registration and payment of levies relating to olive products.

The publication in the Government Gazettes for the introduction of levies, the obligation to provide records and returns and the obligation to register were promulgated by the Minister in accordance with the provisions of Sections 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act.

[www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis\\_document/202011/43914rg11200gon1240.pdf](http://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/202011/43914rg11200gon1240.pdf)

Failure to provide records and returns, to register and to pay levies will be a contravention of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act. Section 24 of the Act specifically deals with “offences and penalties”, which section reads as follows: “24(1) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this act or of any statutory measure established by or under this act, shall be guilty of an offence.

24(2) A person found guilty of an offence in terms of this Act –

a) shall on the first conviction be liable for a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 2 years

b) shall on a second or subsequent conviction be held liable to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 5 years”.

We are sure, like any reputable business, you do not want to be associated with contravening any act and face the relevant offence penalties referred to Section

24 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act.

To ensure that you take the necessary steps to comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, get in contact with our office to assist you were required.

Sincerely,

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