

Dear Producers and Members,

It is with great pleasure that SA Olive announces the approval of statutory levies on table olives and olive oil by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr John Steenhuisen. This approval will be in effect for a period of four years.

This significant milestone ensures continued support for the growth and development of our industry. We remain committed to leveraging these levies to further our collective goals and enhance the sustainability and success of the olive sector.

[Notice of government gazette](#)

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

Statutory levies will be utilized by SA Olives to fund research projects, technical information and technology transfer; quality control and certification; information and statistics; communication, consumer education and market development; and transformation and training for the olive industry.

These measures are necessary to ensure that continuous, timeous and accurate information relating to the olive industry is available to all role players in order for them to make informed decisions.

The measure will be administered by SA Olive, a company established in terms of the Companies Act (as amended) 2008 (Act 71 of 2008).

SA Olive will implement and administer the measure as set out.

PRODUCTS TO WHICH STATUTORY MEASURE APPLIES.

This statutory measure shall apply to **table olives and olive oil** both from domestic production and imports, including packing and agro - processing.

AMOUNT OF LEVY:

The amount of the levy shall be:

- (a) 15 c/kg on all table olives; and
- (b) 65 c/litre on all olive oil.

PAYMENT OF LEVY :

1. Payment of the levy shall be made not later than thirty (30) days following the month end wherein a quantity of table olives and/or olive oil was delivered for sale on the domestic or international market or imported for sale on the domestic market.
2. Payment shall only apply to the first point of sale.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS REGARDING MONTHLY LEVY RETURNS:

As per applicable regulations, all members registered for levies are required to submit a monthly return. These returns must be submitted electronically and received no later than the 7th day of each month.

The electronic submission process is designed to:

- Promote **accurate recording** of levies.
- Enhance **compliance** and reduce risks associated with non-compliance.
- Simplify and **accelerate** the submission process by eliminating email exchanges and minimizing errors from manual data re-entry.

To further streamline the process, a **seamless integration with QuickBooks** will ensure that an invoice is automatically generated as soon as your return is submitted.

As part of our **risk management strategy**, periodic verifications may be conducted to ensure the accuracy of submitted returns. Members are advised to maintain complete and accurate records, as they may be selected for verification.

HOW WILL YOU SUBMIT YOUR RETURN?

- When logging into your dashboard on <https://www.saolive.co.za/login/> you will now see a small green button on the bottom right of your screen.
- This button will allow you to submit your return electronically.

- Please note that when you click on it you will be prompted to enter a two-factor authentication code that will be sent to your email address.
- Once the code is inserted, you will be directed to your return for the month. This is to protect the confidentiality of your data.
- Please refer to the guidance attached for more details on how a return is submitted.
- Should you have any issues please email info@saolive.co.za.

FAILURE TO REGISTER AT SA OLIVE AND FAILURE TO PAY LEVIES

- We refer to previous correspondence regarding the issue of your failure to register at SA Olive, as well as your failure to provide the necessary records for purposes of calculating the levy due by you.
- The Minister of Agriculture appointed SA Olive in Government Gazettes to administer the registration and payment of levies by olive producers.
- The Government Gazettes stipulates that: “The purpose and aims of the statutory measure is to compel the parties set out herein to register with SA Olive”.
- 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.
- Failure to provide records and returns, failure to register and failure to pay levies will be in contravention of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act. Section 24 of the Act specifically deals with “offences and penalties”, which section reads as follows:
- 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.
- 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”.

If you have any questions pertaining to the above communication, please feel free to contact our offices.

Yours Faithfully

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