

COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY MEASURES FOR THE OLIVE INDUSTRY

Dear SA Olive Members and Producers,

This message serves as a crucial reminder regarding the obligations associated with your membership and participation in SA Olive as well as awards and events organized by the association.

It has come to our attention that some members and producers have either failed to register with SA Olive or have not provided the necessary statutory records and returns for the period 2020 to 2024. These records are essential for accurately determining the levy owed to SA Olive.

Key Points:

- **Registration Requirement:** All members and producers must ensure they are properly registered with SA Olive and on the member portal.
- **Statutory Records and Returns:** Accurate and timely submission of statutory records and returns is mandatory for calculating the levy.

Failure to comply with these requirements may affect your standing with SA Olive. We urge you to take immediate action to rectify any outstanding issues. Please address this matter promptly to ensure your compliance and avoid any potential consequences.

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

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, contact our office to assist you where required.

If you would like to contact is to discuss this matter please send an email to info@saolive.co.za

Sincerely,

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