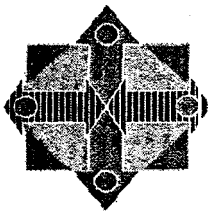


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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING COUNCIL**MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT, 1996
(ACT No. 47 OF 1996)****DECIDUOUS FRUIT INDUSTRY
REQUEST TO INCREASE THE STATUTORY LEVY ON PLUMS**

The National Agricultural Marketing Council (**NAMC**) has received a request from **the** Deciduous Fruit Producers' Trust (DFPT) for the increase of the statutory **levy on** plums with 2c/kg (on export plums from 6,5 c/kg to 8,5 c/kg **and on** domestic plums from 3 c/kg to 5 c/kg).

Currently the statutory measures in the deciduous fruit industry are as follows:

- ♦ **Section 15** of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (MAP Act): Levies.
 - Statutory levies on pome and stone fruit were implemented **on** 4 November 2003 and will lapse on 30 October 2007.
 - ^a Statutory levies on table grapes were implemented on 12 November **2004** and will lapse on 31 October **2008**.
- ♦ **Section 48** of the MAP Act: Records and Returns.
- ♦ **Section 19** of the MAP Act: Registration.

The DFPT requested that the increase of the levy by 2c/kg be utilised exclusively for market information and coordination of activities between producers and exporters on a non-commercial basis. The additional income to **the 2006/7** budget, **will be R885 764** (an increase from **R2 624 317 to**