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CIRCULAR: STATUTORY LEVY ON SOYBEANS FOR BREEDING & TECHNOLOGY

The Minister of Agriculture approved the Continuation of a statutory levy on soybeans which was promulgated in the Government Gazette No 47433 R.2699 on 4 November 2022, a copy of which is available at <https://sactalevy.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Government-Gazette-4-November-2022.pdf> for your reference.

The purpose of the levy is to compensate breeders of soybean varieties for their contribution to the acquisition and utilisation of improved international and local agriculture related intellectual property to the benefit of the soybean industry in South Africa.

The approved levy is valid for two seasons and runs from 1 March 2023 – 28 February 2025.

The levy amounts are as follows:

COMMODITY	PERIOD	AMOUNT (Excluding Value Added Tax)	AMOUNT (Including Value Added Tax)
Soybeans	1/3/2023 to 29/2/2024	R66.00 per metric ton	R75.90 per metric ton
	1/3/2024 to 28/2/2025	R92.00 per metric ton	R105.80 per metric ton

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The SA Cultivar & Technology Agency NPC (SACTA) has been appointed in terms of the Government Notice to collect and administer the levy. Details of the levy and the tariffs are set out hereunder:

1. Circumstances under which the levy is payable

The levy is applicable on soybeans:

- (a) that is sold by or on behalf of the producer thereof;
- (b) that is processed or converted into a soybean product by or on behalf of the producer thereof, if the soybean products are intended to be disposed of;
- (c) in respect of which a silo certificate has been issued, if the levy in respect of such soybean has not already been paid in terms of paragraph (a) or (b) above; and
- (d) that is exported from the Republic of South Africa, and in respect of which the levy has not been paid in terms of paragraphs (a), (b) or (c).

Note: Please note that the levy is payable under all circumstances referred to above and is applicable to such actions with regard to all soybean, irrespective of the grade thereof or the purpose for which the soybeans are utilised. The levy is only applicable to soybeans produced within the Republic of South Africa.

2. Parties responsible for payment of the levy

In terms of the regulation, the levy is payable by the following parties:

- (a) by the buyer of the soybeans in the case of paragraph 1(a) above;
- (b) by the processor or converter of the soybeans in the case of paragraph 1(b) above;
- (c) by the person issuing the silo certificate in the case of paragraph 1(c) above; and
- (d) by the exporter of the soybeans in the case of paragraph 1(d) above.

3. Amount of the levy

The amount of the levy for soybeans is **R 66.00 (VAT excluded)** per metric ton for the period **March 2023 until February 2024**.

4. Recovery of levy

In terms of the regulation, the levy payable by the buyer or the processor or the converter of the soybeans, in the case of paragraph 1(a) or paragraph 1(b), may be deducted from the purchase price payable to the producer or may be recovered from the producer of such soybeans.

The levy payable by the person issuing a silo certificate in respect of soybeans, in the case of paragraph 1(c), may be recovered from the person to whom such a silo certificate is issued.

5. Payment of levy

In terms of the regulation, the levy is payable by no later than the last day of the month following the month in which the soybean had been sold, processed, converted, or when a silo receipt was issued, or the soybeans were exported.

Payment of the levy must be made to:

The SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC
c/o Agri Manage Solutions (Pty) Ltd
477/478 Witherite Street
Die Wilgers
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The banking details for payments are as follows:

Bank:	First National Bank
Branch:	Menlyn Maine
Branch code:	250-655
Account holder:	SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC
Account number:	6264 3558 185

6. Information to be submitted

Directly affected parties are requested to please identify the breeders whose varieties are being purchased from producers, or are processed or converted on behalf of producers, or in respect of which a silo certificate is to be issued, inter alia, by means of declarations from the producers concerned or by the physical identification of the varieties. The purpose of such identification of varieties is to determine the involvement of the different breeders of soybeans in the market in order to compensate breeders proportionately in accordance to their market share from the levy funds collected.

Payments of the levy must be accompanied by a duly completed payment advice (levy return form), a copy of which is attached. Your co-operation in completing the form with each payment to be made, will be appreciated.

You are kindly requested to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Government Notice by paying the levy and providing the required information to SACTA. The levies will be beneficial to the soybean industry over the longer term, and it is imperative to have the cooperation of all role-players in the industry to make this a success. For obvious reasons, SACTA will have to act against those parties that do not cooperate in this regard, a step that will be highly regrettable.

7. Additional Information related to levy's

<https://sagrainmag.co.za/2023/02/28/hoer-verskil-statutere-en-vrywillige-heffings/>

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