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CIRCULAR: CONTINUATION OF SACTA STATUTORY LEVY ON SOYBEANS FOR BREEDING AND TECHNOLOGY

The Minister of Agriculture approved the continuation of the statutory levy on soybeans, with effect from 1 March 2025. The levy was promulgated in the Government Gazette No R.5815 of 31 January 2025.

A copy is attached for your convenience.

The purpose of the levy is to compensate breeders of soybean varieties for their contributions in providing and developing improved international and local varieties to the industry. SACTA has been appointed in terms of the Government Notice to collect and administer the levy.

The levy will be applicable from 1 March 2025 – 28 February 2028. Details of the levy are set out below and can be verified in terms of the regulation in the Government Gazette as mentioned above.

The amounts of the levies are as follows:

COMMODITY	PERIOD	AMOUNT (Excluding Value Added Tax)	AMOUNT (Including Value Added Tax)
Soybeans	1/3/2025 to 28/2/2026	R70.00 per metric ton	R80.50 per metric ton
	1/3/2026 to 28/2/2027	R73.00 per metric ton	R83.95 per metric ton
	1/3/2027 to 28/2/2028	R84.00 per metric ton	R96.60 per metric ton

1. Circumstances under which the levy is payable

The levy is applicable on soybeans:

- (a) that are sold by or on behalf of the producer thereof;
- (b) that are 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 are 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).

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NB: Please note that the levy is payable under all circumstances referred to above and are applicable to such actions with regard to all soybeans, irrespective of the grade or the purpose for which they will be used. 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 monthly by the following:

- (a) the buyer of the soybeans in the case of paragraph 1(a) above;
- (b) the processor or converter of the soybeans in the case of paragraph 1(b) above;
- (c) the person issuing the silo certificate in the case of paragraph 1(c) above; and
- (d) 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 70.00 (VAT excluded)** per metric ton for the period **1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026**.

4. Recovery of levy

In terms of the regulation, the levy payable by the buyer or the processor or converter of the soybeans, in the case of paragraph 1(a) or paragraph 1(b), 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 the 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 soybeans had been sold, delivered for sale, processed, converted, exported, or in respect of which a silo certificate was issued.

Payment shall be made in favour of the SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC, and must be accompanied by a duly completed levy return form containing such information pertaining to soybeans as required by SACTA from time to time. This form (SACTA Payment Advice) is available at: <https://sactalevy.co.za/soybeans-levy/>.

Payment of the levy must be made to:

The SA Cultivar and Technology Agency NPC
c/o Agri Manage Solutions (Pty) Ltd
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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: The 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 (seed companies) whose soybean varieties are being purchased from producers, or are processed or converted on behalf of producers, or in respect of which a silo certificate is issued, *inter alia*, by means of declarations from the producers concerned, or by the physical identification of the varieties. The purpose of the identification of the varieties is to determine the involvement of the different breeders of soybean varieties in the market, in order to compensate breeders proportionately in accordance with their respective market shares, from the levies that are collected.

Kindly send the following forms at the same time to our office. We will process both accordingly:

- Payment Advice Form
- Commission Income

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. It is imperative to have the cooperation of all role-players in the industry to continue to make this a success.

7. List of Seed Companies for which deliveries must be recorded

With the new soybean harvest about to begin, and soybean grain deliveries commencing soon, please make provision for the following seed company names being available for producers, sellers, storage operators and exporters to make their declarations.

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| 1. Adams & Adams | 12. Limagrain (Linkseed / Seed Co / K2) |
| 2. ARC Grain Crops Institute | 13. Louis Dreyfus Commodities |
| 3. Agri-Seed Technology (Santa Rosa) | 14. New Crop |
| 4. Bayer (Monsanto) | 15. Newlands Mashu |
| 5. Borman G.J.J | 16. One Direction Solution |
| 6. Bühрман G | 17. Pannar |
| 7. Capstone Seeds | 18. Southern Hemisphere Seeds |
| 8. Corteva (Pioneer Hi-Bred) | 19. Syngenta (Sensako) |
| 9. Don Mario Seeds (Agricol) | 20. Van Staden, Derick (Agri-Seed Technology (Santa Rosa)) |
| 10. GDM Seeds (Agriocare) | 21. United Seeds |
| 11. H. Vreken | 22. Unknown |

8. Additional Information related to Levy's

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

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Attachments:

- Government Gazette
- Levy Reporting Form
- Payment Advice
- Commission Form