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To: All Export Agents www.apacweb.org.za

CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: REDRAFTED EXPORT RULES

Pursuant to the High Court order dated 20 December 2023, and in accordance with the agreement reached between the Agricultural Produce Agents' Council (APAC) and the Fresh Produce Exporters' Forum (FPEF), the Rules in Respect of Export Agents (originally published under Board Notice 62 of 2018 in Government Gazette No. 41632 of 18 May 2018) have been redrafted. The Department of Agriculture has referred the revised Rules for public participation. Upon the successful conclusion of this process, the Rules will be formally gazetted into law.

After careful consideration of the prescribed timelines and the availability of relevant stakeholders, the following dates have been selected for the purposes of public participation:

- **Thursday, 19 February 2026:** An in-person session to be held in Cape Town from 10:00 to 14:00 (venue to be confirmed).
- **Friday, 20 February 2026:** Online session to be held from 09:00 to 12:00. The meeting link is as follows:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/37140298493518?p=ShDwhWcMk5ahK2yG7K>

In addition to the above dates, provision is made for interested parties who are unable to attend the aforementioned sessions as follows:

- **Thursday, 19 March 2026:** An in-person session (10:00 – 14:00) in Cape Town (venue still to be confirmed).
- **Friday 20 March 2026:** Online session to be held from 09:00 to 12:00. The meeting link is available as follows:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/31131512186344?p=UBLHLNZCf6IHbbtGTi>


These dates have been selected to:

- Allow sufficient notice for stakeholders to prepare.
- Provide options across different days and times to maximize participation.
- Ensure alignment with the broader consultation schedule for regulatory updates.

The following documents are added for your perusal:

- Annexure A: The 2018 Export Agent Rules (currently in use).
- Annexure B: The High Court order dated 20 December 2023.
- Annexure C: The draft set of Export Agent Rules (that will be discussed during the Public Participation Process).

Yours sincerely,



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