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Media Statement **08 July 2025**

Minister of Agriculture John Steenhuisen has noted the correspondence from the White House regarding the decision to issue South Africa with a 30% trade tariff from 1 August 2025.

Minister Steenhuisen will continue to work with his fellow ministers, including the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation and Minister of Finance to urgently engage the United States (USA) and explore all avenues to secure a more favourable and fair trade outcome for South Africa.

Agricultural goods impacted are mainly citrus, grapes, wine, and nuts, amongst other products.

“Thousands of jobs in the agricultural sector are impacted and therefore we remain committed to constructive dialogue with our USA counterparts. As part of the strategy, the Department of Agriculture is continuing engagements with trade partners and exploring other avenues in new and emerging markets”, Minister Steenhuisen said.

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