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TO: ALL REGISTERED VEGETABLE PRODUCERS IN NAMIBIA

NOTICE: TIMELY SUBMISSION OF MORE ACCURATE PRODUCTION FORECAST DATA FOR THE TOP 20 VEGETABLES BY PRODUCERS

1. In terms of the Agronomic Industry Act 20 of 1992 and the Market Share Promotion rules and procedures, registered producers of fresh fruits and vegetables are required to submit realistic and timely production forecast (estimates) data to the NAB. This data assists the NAB to implement the close and border period for the top 20 vegetable lines, to protect producers against unfair competition emanating from cheap imported products from other neighbouring countries.

The top 20 vegetables are: Potato, Onion, Cabbage, Butternut, Cocktail/ Cherry Tomato, Tomato Round, Tomato Jam, Carrot, Green Pepper, English Cucumber, Sweet Potato, Beetroot, Gem Squash, Watermelon, Sweet melon, Pumpkin, Sweetcorn, Lettuce (Iceberg), Colour pepper, and Spinach.

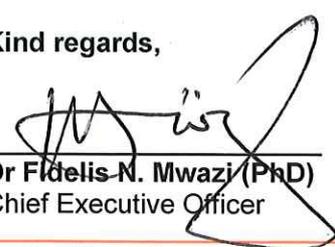
2. However, the NAB have observed with serious concern that some producers of the top 20 vegetables refuse to submit their production forecast data on time, and only do so when the borders are open and or struggling to sell their produce to traders. Furthermore, we also noticed that some producers submit unrealistic production forecast data to influence the border closure.

3. Therefore, the NAB would like to caution producers of the top 20 vegetable line to desist from submitting unrealistic production forecast data, and late submission, as it has the potential to comprise the implementation of the close and open border periods in Namibia, and it affects consistent availability of such products in the shops. Additionally, the NAB must also be notified/ updated immediately of any changes to the production forecast submitted.

4. Given the above, please take note that, effective **01 February 2025**, the production forecast data submitted after the **19th day** of each month shall not be considered for border closure decisions, and such producers will not be allowed to sale to registered traders. Lastly, producers who submits unrealistic/ inaccurate production forecast data and late submission, will also be de-registered and will not be allowed to trade for a specific period of time, as per the MSP rules and procedures.

For any further information and submission of completed production forecast data collection forms (**See Attached**), see page 2 of this letter for the contacts. Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Kind regards,


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