DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT, 1983 (ACT No. 36 OF 1983)

CONTROL MEASURES RELATING TO HONEY-BEES

I, Angela Thoko Didiza, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, acting under section 6 of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983), hereby amend the Control Measures relating to Honey-bees published under Government Notice No. R. 858 of 15 November 2013.

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Definition

1. In this Schedule "Control Measures relating to honey-bees" means the control measures published in the Government Notice No. R. 858 of 15 November 2013.

Amendment of definitions of the Control Measures

2. The definitions of the Control Measures are hereby amended by the insertion of the following definitions:

"**beekeeping activities**" means the keeping of honey-bees in a managed beehive for the production and harvesting of any bee products, for queen rearing purposes or for commercial pollination services, or the removal, eradication or relocation of honey-bee colonies.

Amendment of control measure 2 of the Control Measures

3. Control measure 2 of the Control Measures is hereby substituted by the following expression

Registration of beekeepers

2.   (1)   Every person who carries out any beekeeping activities shall register with the Department.

(2) An applicant shall, on the form obtainable from the executive officer furnish the Department with—

(a)   in the case of a natural person, his or her—

(i)   name;

(ii)   registration number (if previously registered);

        (iii)   physical and postal address;

        (iv)   fixed line and cellular phone number;

        (v)   fax number (if applicable); and

        (vi)   e-mail address;

(b)   in the case of a juristic person, the—

        (i)   name of the juristic person;

        (ii)   name of the responsible beekeeper;

        (iii)   registration number of the juristic person (if previously registered);

        (iv)   physical and postal address of the juristic person;

        (v)   fixed line phone number of the juristic person;

        (vi)   cellular phone number of the beekeeper of the juristic person;

        (vii)   fax number of the juristic person (if applicable) ; and

        (viii)   e-mail address of the juristic person; and

(c)   information regarding the—

        (i)   nature of the beekeeping activities; and

        (ii)   the number of colonies kept; and

(d)   any other information requested on the form obtainable from the executive officer.

(3)   Every beekeeper shall on first registration be assigned a permanent registration number by the Department.

(4)   Registration shall be for a period of twenty four months from the date of registration or renewal of registration and shall be renewable on expiry of the registration period.

(5)   In the case of failure to comply with control measure 2 (4), a registered beekeeper shall be deregistered and shall face penalties in terms of the Act.

(6)   The beekeeper shall inform the Department within a reasonable time of any changes in the information required under control measure 2 (2).

(7)   The beekeeper shall notify the Department in the event that he ceases to carry out beekeeping activities.

(8)   No person may conduct any beekeeping activities unless they are in possession of a valid registration certificate issued in terms of control measure 2 (1).

(9)   No person may utilise the services of a beekeeper for the purposes of carrying out any beekeeping activities unless the beekeeper is in possession of a valid registration certificate issued in terms of control measure 2 (1).