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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 1739 OF 2003

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PROCEDURE FOR THE APPLICATION, ADMINISTRATION AND ALLOCATION OF REBATE PERMITS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF NATURAL HONEY

It is hereby made known that rebate permits will be issued to all persons interested in importing natural honey into the Republic of South Africa during the calendar year 2003, under a rebate of the full customs duty on natural honey classifiable under Tariff Heading 04.09 and under the conditions set out in the Schedule.

B.N. Njobe,
DIRECTOR-GENERAL: AGRICULTURE.

SCHEDULE

1. Application for rebate permits

- 1.1 Any person interested in importing natural honey must apply therefor on a copy of the application form in the Annexure.
- 1.2 The application form is available electronically on request from elsabevdr@nda.agric.za.
- 1.3 When applications for rebate permits are submitted a copy of the permit issued in terms of the Agricultural Pests Act, (Act No. 36 of 1983) must be included therewith.
- 1.4 An application form will only be accepted if duly completed.
- 1.5 An applicant bears the responsibility to ensure that –
 - (a) the application form reflects the correct information as requested;
 - (b) the application is submitted timeously within the time period contemplated in paragraph 4.1; and
 - (c) the application has been received by the Deputy Director: Trade Administration.

2. Conditions for the issuing of permits

- 2.1 Rebate permits will be issued under the following conditions:
 - (a) Imported natural honey must comply with section (3) of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983).
 - (b) Imported natural honey must be repacked in immediate packings of less than 1 000 g.
 - (c) Repacked imported natural honey must comply with the stipulations of the regulations relating to the grading, packing and marking of honey and mixtures of honey intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa as published in Government Notice No. R. 835 of 25 August 2000 in terms of the Agricultural Products Standard Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990).
 - (d) The importer must be a *bona fide* repacker of natural honey.

- 2.2 Permits will be allocated on the basis of the following categories:
- (a) 10% to importers who did not import natural honey during the past three years, referred to as new importers;
 - (b) 10% to importers that are Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises, referred to as SMME importers; and
 - (c) 80% to importers who imported natural honey during the past three years, referred to as historical importers.
- 2.3 The allocation of the quota for permits will be done as follows to –
- (a) new importers, on an equal basis;
 - (b) SMMEs, either on an equal basis or as a historical importer, whichever will promote government policy for SMME development; and
 - (c) historical importers, in proportion to the average of the quantity imported by the applicant during the past three years.
- 2.4 The quantity imported by a historical importer will be calculated in proportion to the quantity imported by the applicant during the past three years (2000, 2001 and 2002) based on the detailed list of bills of entry submitted for the period concerned.
- 2.5 If no applications were received in the category new and SMME importers the quota may be allocated to historical importers.

3. Addresses for applications

3.1 Applications must –

- (a) when forwarded by post, be addressed to:

Deputy Director: Trade Administration
National Department of Agriculture
Private Bag X791
PRETORIA 0001

(For attention: Mr G J Kamfer, Dirk Uys Building, Room 468)

- (b) when delivered by hand, be delivered to:

Deputy Director; Trade Administration
National Department of Agriculture
Dirk Uys Building, Room 468
30 Hamilton Street
ARCADIA
PRETORIA

(For attention: Mr G J Kamfer)

- (c) when transmitted by facsimile, be transmitted to:

Facsimile number: (012) 319 6169
(For attention: Mr G J Kamfer)

Applications transmitted by facsimile must be followed up by forwarding the original application to the address contemplated in paragraph (a) or (b) to reach the Department within 14 days of the facsimile transmission.

3.2 Applications delivered by hand will only be accepted during the Department's official hours of 07:30 to 16:00.

4. Time period for applications

4.1 Applications for rebate permits must be submitted within four weeks from the date of publication of this notice.

4.2 Permits will be valid from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003.

5. General

5.1 Applicants must return all expired permits within 30 days after the date of expiry thereof. Applicants who do not return their expired permits timeously will not be considered for the granting of permits.

5.2 This notice replaces all previous notices regarding procedure for the application, administration and allocation of rebate permits for the importation of natural honey.

ANNEXURE

APPLICATION FORM FOR REBATE IMPORT PERMITS FOR NATURAL HONEY

1. NAME OF IMPORTER:
2. POSTAL ADDRESS: Code:
3. CONTACT PERSON:
4. TELEPHONE NUMBER Code: Number: Cell. phone no.:
5. FAX NUMBER: Code: Number:
6. COMPANY/CC REGISTRATION NUMBER:
(NB: First time applicants: Please include a copy of the registration certificate (obtainable from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI))
7. CUSTOMS CODE NO:
(NB: First time applicants: Please include a copy of the customs code certificate (obtainable from SARS))

8. INDICATE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS:

Agent	Repacker	Processor	Retailer	Other
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If other, please specify:

9. For classification into categories (see item 2.2 of Schedule), please complete: -

Turnover: R	Capital investment: R	No of employees:
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10. PURPOSE OF IMPORTATION:
11. FREE ON BOARD (FOB) VALUE OF THE PRODUCT:
12. APPLICATION - SUBMISSION FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2003 - 31 DECEMBER 2003:

TARIFF HEADING OF PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT	QUANTITY APPLYING FOR	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

13. Summary of BILLS OF ENTRY

Quantity imported over the past 3 years (where applicable)

PLEASE NOTE: A detailed list of bills of entry must be attached to this application form.

TARIFF HEADING	TOTAL FOR 2000	TOTAL FOR 2001	TOTAL FOR 2003	GRAND TOTAL

PLEASE COMPLETE AFFIDAVIT ON THE NEXT PAGE. THE AFFIDAVIT ON THE NEXT PAGE IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

AFFIDAVIT

I hereby declare that the particulars herein are true and correct.

NAME (PRINT): _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____ **DATE:** _____
(To be signed in the presence of a justice of the peace or commissioner of oaths)

1. I certify that before administering the oath/affirmation, I asked the deponent the following questions and wrote down his/her answers in his/her presence.

(1) Do you know and understand the contents of the declaration?

Answer

(2) Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath?

Answer

(3) Do you consider the prescribed oath to be binding on your conscience?

Answer

2. I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this declaration. The deponent utters the following words. "I swear that the contents of this declaration are true so help me God" / "I truly affirm that the contents of the declaration are true." The signature/mark of the deponent is affixed to the declaration in my presence.

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**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
COMMISSIONER OF OATHS**

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE JUSTICE OF PEACE / COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

FULL FIRST NAMES AND SURNAME: _____
(BLOCK LETTERS)

DESIGNATION: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
(STREET ADDRESS)

DATE: _____

PLACE: _____

