Agricultural Marketing Authority (Registration of Companies and Submission of Returns) Regulations, 2012

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development has, in terms of sections 45 and 50 of the Agricultural Marketing Authority Act [Chapter 18:24] (No. 26 of 2004), made the following regulations:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Marketing Authority (Registration of Companies and Submission of Returns) Regulations, 2012.

Interpretation

- 2. In these regulations—
 - "Authority" means the Agricultural Marketing Authority established in terms of section 4 of the Agricultural Marketing Authority Act [Chapter 18:24] (No. 26 of 2004).

Registered buyers of agricultural products

- 3. Every company that is or intends to be in the business of buying and contracting agricultural products shall—
 - (a) register with the Authority, and
 - (b) submit periodic returns to the Authority on products bought or processed by such company; and
 - (c) keep records of products bought by the company and such records shall be produced for the inspection at the request of an inspector of the Authority.

Offences and penalties

4. Any company that engages in buying and contracting agricultural products without being registered as a buyer or contractor as the case may be; or fails to submit a return or makes a deliberately false statement in a return required to be submitted in terms of these regulations, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level four or imprisonment for a period of three months or both such fine and such imprisonment.

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