

Agricultural Marketing Authority (Minimum Grain Producer  
Prices) Regulations, 2014

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IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development has, in terms of section 50 of the Agricultural Marketing Authority Act [*Chapter 18:24*], made the following regulations:—

*Title*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Marketing Authority (Minimum Grain Producer Prices) Regulations, 2014.

*Interpretation*

2. In these regulations—

“grain” means maize, sorghum, pearl millet (mhunga), finger millet (rapoko) and wheat.

*Purchase of grain from producers*

3. (1) The Minister, at the beginning of the marketing season, may announce through the *Gazette* or national media, whether print, radio or television, the minimum price to be paid for grain.

(2) Every company or individual that is engaged in the business of buying grain shall pay producers not less than the minimum price as announced by the Minister in accordance to section 3(1).

(3) The company or individual shall buy grain either from the producer or use designated buying points which shall be Grain Marketing Board (GMB) depots for GMB purchases, or contractor’s premises in the case of contracted farmers.

(4) The Agricultural Marketing Authority may designate additional buying points for grain from which producers will sell their grain to registered buyers at the beginning of every marketing season.

*Offences and penalties*

4. Any company or individual that engages in the buying of grain from producers at a price less than the minimum price or undesignated buying point shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level four or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or both such fine and such imprisonment with the grain so purchased forfeited to the State.

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