



Week ending 17 January 2020

SACOTA Membership Fees

Members are advised that SACOTA's accountant is currently on sick leave and invoices for membership fees will be issued once she is back in the office.

JSE: Silo Out loading Unavailability

Members are advised of the following silo out loading unavailability at Suidwes Landbou during 2020:

			Date From	Date to	
SWL	Bamboesspruit	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	23-Nov-2020	04-Dec-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Bloemhof	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	28-Sep-2020	10-Oct-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Christiana	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	31-Aug-2020	12-Sep-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Hallatshope	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	25-May-2020	06-Jun-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Hertzogville	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	13-Apr-2020	25-Apr-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Hoopstad	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	16-Mar-2020	28-Mar-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Kingswood	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	11-May-2020	23-May-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Leeudoringstad	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	17-Feb-2020	01-Mar-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Makwassie	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	29-Jun-2020	11-Jul-2020	All Commodities
SWL	SWL Migdol	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	03-Aug-2020	15-Aug-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Schweizer Reneke	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	26-Oct-2020	07-Nov-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Strydpoort	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	08-Jun-2020	20-Jun-2020	All Commodities
SWL	Wolmaransstad	No Out-Loading. Scheduled Maintenance.	20-Jan-2020	03-Feb-2020	All Commodities

Wheat Import Duty

A new wheat import duty of R776.20 per ton has been gazetted on 17 January 2020. Members have been informed of the amended duty under cover of separate correspondence.

Wheat Exports

The wheat export regulations have not been amended according to the newly promulgated local regulations which prevented members to export wheat, especially to neighbouring countries. Through the timeously intervention by SACOTA, special dispensation has been granted that now makes the exporting of wheat possible. Members have been informed of the special dispensation under cover of separate correspondence.

Import Duty Trigger Adjustments and EU Wheat Quota Administration

The Wheat Forum Steering Committee met on the 2nd December 2019 and resolved to request an urgent follow up consultative meeting with the Minister to obtain feedback on wheat import trigger adjustments and EU Quota administrative developments. Most importantly, the industry would like to keep a consultative engagement with the Minister active for continuous updates on mutual developments as agreed at the introductory meeting held on the 23rd August 2019.

The National Chamber of Milling has on behalf of the Wheat Forum Steering requested the DTI for a follow-up meeting with Minister Patel to address these two matters. SACOTA will be part of the delegation.

ePhyto Solutions

Fruit SA is currently making use of an ePhyto system where phytosanitary certificates are issued and submitted electronically to countries of export.

SACOTA is currently investigating if this system can also be implemented for the exports of grains and oilseeds. This will contribute to the streamlining of the export process.

SA Bulk Terminals

A fire broke out on 22 December 2019 at the Durban Bulk Shipping terminal of SABT. Extensive fire and electrical damage was caused to nine conveyor belts. Repairs started on 23 December 2019 and imports will again be able to commence on 20 January 2020 but it is foreseen that only 50% of the capacity would be utilised. It is expected that normal operations will resume by 30 April 2020.

SABT indicated that depending on the possible quantity available for exports of maize an auction system may be implemented.

SACOTA Value Proposition

A document has been drafted by the Secretariat setting out the value proposition of being a member of SACOTA. The document is available at https://sacota.co.za/wp-content/uploads/SACOTA_Value-Proposition.pdf. Members are welcome to use this document to promote SACOTA as association for non-member trading companies to become members of SACOTA.

SACOTA Year Planner

The SACOTA year planner has been communicated to members.

SACOTA Latest News

Please access the latest news articles on SACOTA's website at <https://sacota.co.za/latest-news/>

SACOTA Golf Day

The SACOTA Board of Directors deliberated at their last meeting held in November 2019 whether SACOTA should host a golf day for members and their customers. It would be appreciated if members could indicate if they have an appetite for such an occasion.