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COMPETITION COMMISSION

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 10(7) OF THE COMPETITION ACT 89 OF 1998 (AS AMENDED): THE WESTERN CAPE CITRUS PRODUCERS FORUM GRANTED CONDITIONAL EXEMPTION

- 1. On 12 February 2016, the Competition Commission ("the Commission") published a notice in the Government Gazette (Government Gazette No. 39679, Notice 3 of 2016) in respect of the application for an exemption by the Western Cape Cltrus Producers Forum ("the WCCPF") from certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Competition Act, No 89 of 1998, as amended ("the Act"). The WCCPF has applied for exemption to allow its member growers to continue with their coordination of export activities of citrus fruit beyond the expiry of the current exemption. In particular, the WCCPF has applied for an exemption to coordinate logistical, marketing and sales support for its member growers who all export citrus fruits to the United States of America ("the USA").
- 2. The Commission has previously granted the WCCPF two short-term exemptions. The current short-term exemption will expire on 16 December 2016. Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 10(7) of the Act that the Commission has decided to grant the WCCPF another conditional exemption for a period of three (3) months, commencing on 16 December 2016 and ending on 16 March 2017. The exemption is granted on the same terms as the short-term exemption referred to above.
- 3. It should however be noted that in terms of Section 10(8) of the Act, the WCCPF or any other person with substantial financial interest affected by the Commission's decision may appeal it to the Competition Tribunal in the prescribed manner.

Further queries in this regard should be directed to either:

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