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PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION, ADMINISTRATION AND ALLOCATION OF EXPORT PERMITS TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC)

A Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement (TDCA) between the European Community (EC) and the Republic of South Africa has been established and entered into force on 1 January 2000. This agreement provides for the establishment of a Free Trade Area between the EC and South Africa in accordance with the World Trade Organization (WTO) rules and the strengthening of European development assistance to South Africa.

As part of the concessions provided under the TDCA, the EC has agreed to grant tariff preferences on limited quantities of selected products in the form of tariff quotas. It became apparent during the negotiation that the Department of Agriculture (DoA) would have to administer the EC agricultural quotas on behalf of the South African Government. Therefore export permits will be issued for the access quantities at reduced levels of duty. The selected products that can be exported at reduced levels are: cheese, cut flowers, frozen strawberries, canned fruit (pears, apricots and peaches), frozen orange juice, pineapple juice, apple juice, sparkling wine and white and red wine. The detailed information regarding the application administration and allocation of export permits to the European Community was published on 17 September 2007 in *Government Gazette* No. 30291, Notice No.1142 of 2007. Export permits will be issued only to registered exporters in South Africa for exportation to specific European countries.

All exporters and potential exporters interested in exporting any of the products stipulated in the Schedule (as published in *Government Gazette* No.30291 of 17 September 2007, Notice No.1142 of 2007 and also available on the Department's website: <http://www.nda.agric.za/publications/> under "Publication" in the "*Government Gazette Notices*") from South Africa to the EC countries during the calendar year (1 January – 31 December 2008), are hereby invited to submit their applications on or before 15 October 2007 in accordance with the prescribed procedures.

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