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GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**NO. 1154****23 SEPTEMBER 2016****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 Citrus 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. On 1 July 2016, the Commission published another notice in the Government Gazette (Gazette No. 40114, Notice 794 of 2016) that it has taken a decision to grant the WCCPF a conditional exemption for a period of three (3) months, commencing from 14 June 2016 to and including 16 September 2016. The decision to grant a short-term exemption was premised on the condition that the WCCPF develops a proposal and/or programme to support issues of transformation in the citrus fruit industry.
3. 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 17 September 2016 and ending on 16 December 2016. The exemption is granted on the same terms as the short-term exemption referred to above.

4. 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.

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