

Agricultural Marketing Authority (Seed Cotton and Seed Cotton Products) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 (No. 3)

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IT is hereby notified that the Minister Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural has Development, in terms of 50 of the Agricultural Marketing Act [*Chapter 18:24*] (Act No. 26 of 2004), made the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Marketing Authority (Seed Cotton and Seed Cotton Products) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 (No. 3).

2. The Agricultural Marketing Authority (Seed Cotton and Seed Cotton Products) Regulations, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal regulations”), published in Statutory Instrument 142 of 2009, are amended in section 2 by the insertion of the following definition—

““Common warehouse” means a place designated by the Committee where all contractors deliver their inputs for the season before the onset of the season for further dispatch to the various common inputs distribution points;”.

3. The principal regulations are amended in section 3—

- (a) by the deletion of the title “Cotton Marketing Technical Committee” and substitution with of “Cotton Production and Marketing Technical Committee”;
- (b) in subsection (1) by the insertion of the word “Production” after “Cotton” to read the “Cotton Production and Marketing Technical Committee”;
- (c) by insertion after subsection (2) of the following subsection—

“(2a) The membership of the Committee shall include the following—

- (a) Agricultural Marketing Authority;
- (b) Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development representatives;
- (c) The Cotton Company of Zimbabwe;

- (d) Cotton Ginners Association;
  - (e) Cotton Spinners and Weavers Association;
  - (f) Cotton Producers and Marketing Associations;
  - (g) Oil Expressors Association;
  - (h) Stock Feeds Manufacturers Association;
  - (i) Farmers Unions;
  - (j) Seed Houses”;
- (d) in subsection (3), by the insertion after paragraph (f) of the following paragraph—
- “(g) to put in place and promote a value addition model that enhances the viability of the grower through a mechanism that recognises ginning as a farm gate operation, thereby enabling growers to gin their own free cotton and move up the cotton value chain.”.
4. The principal regulations are amended in section 6(1)—
- (a) in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) by deletion of the word “Committee” and substitution of “Authority”;
  - (b) in paragraph (a), by insertion of “by the 30th of October of each year” after the word “fee”;
  - (c) by repeal of paragraph (b) and substitution of the following—
    - “(b) furnish to the Authority by the 31st of December of each year, a list of their growers, source of inputs, hectare under cotton, expected output and any other relevant information of their members including toll ginning arrangements if any; and”.
5. The principal regulations are amended in section 7—
- (a) in subsection (1), by the deletion of “15th December” and substitution of “31st December”;
  - (b) by deletion of “Committee” and substitution of

- “Authority” wherever it occurs;
- (c) by insertion after paragraph (c) of the following proviso—
- “Provided that before registering as a grower, an individual or grower association member shall submit completed and signed forms certifying that the grower has complied with stalk destruction regulations.”.
6. The principal regulations are amended in section 8—
- (a) by deletion of “Committee” and substitution of “Authority” wherever it occurs;
- (b) in subsection (1) (a), by insertion of “by the 31st of October each year” after the word “fee;”;
- (c) in subsection (2), by deletion of “Board” and substitution of “Authority”.
7. The principal regulations are amended in section 9—
- (a) by deletion of “Committee” and substitution with “Authority” wherever it occurs;
- (b) in subsection (1), by repeal of paragraph (b) and the substitution of the following—
- “(b) at the time of registration for the season, furnish the Authority with a database of the growers to be supported, proof of inputs purchases to support minimum input packages and signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Authority.”.
8. The principal regulations are amended in section 13 (2), by the insertion after paragraph (e) of the following paragraphs—
- “(f) the cut-off date for issuance of 1st tranche inputs shall be the 31st of December of each year and the issuance of 2nd tranche inputs shall be the 28th of February of each year;
- (g) a monitoring committee comprising the Authority, Agritex, and each contractor shall conduct a verification process by end of January each year to determine crop establishment.”.
9. The principal regulations are amended in section 14, by the insertion after subsection (9) of the following paragraphs—

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“(10) A fully compliant buyer or contractor shall only purchase seed cotton allocated to them as their buying quota as determined by the level of support. The Authority shall by the 1st of April each year issue contractor’s or buyers’ licences to compliant buyers or contractors specifying allocated quota by buying point.

(11) A buyer or contractor shall upon purchasing seed cotton place woolpack ID on the wool.

(12) All contractors should issue adequate wool packs to their growers by the 15th of March each year.”.

10. The principal regulations are amended in section 15(4) by insertion after paragraph (d) of the following—

- “(e) inform growers of their grade results by way of displaying grade results at every common buying point within 7 days after grading.
- (f) pay growers grade differential prices for their seed cotton deliveries after grading seed cotton by the 30th of November each year.”.