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Latest developments with respect to the diesel rebate

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» Grain SA and Agri SA recently received good news from SARS regarding the situation concerning the submission of logbooks in order to qualify for a diesel rebate. As such, we are delighted to share these latest developments with our members.

After some extensive negotiations with SARS, they informed Grain SA and Agri SA on 15 February, that they are willing to make an exception on the keeping of logbooks in the past. However, alternative information must still be provided in order to verify diesel consumption.

SARS's intention is to retrospectively amend all relevant divisions of Schedule 6 of the Customs and Excise Act, so that alternative information can be used in those instances where logbooks were not kept. However, this is a compromise from SARS only applicable to the past; the keeping of logbooks in future remains of important interest though.

During the past year's audits by SARS, a number of grey areas and uncertainties were noticed concerning the interpretation of the diesel rebate system. Grain SA and Agri SA are thus also in the process of taking up these aspects with SARS.

Furthermore, SARS is also busy organising workshops across the country (February in the Cape and April in the North) with regard to the application of the diesel rebate system. At the same time, these workshops will serve as a great opportunity to discuss the mentioned grey areas and uncertainties with SARS.

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» http://www.grainsa.co.za/documents/Comprehensive_Advice_Document.pdf

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