



Code of Conduct – Associate Members

A. Introduction

1. The Fresh Produce Exporters' Forum ("the Forum"), a non-profit company as defined in the Companies Act, with the purpose of providing a forum for exporters of fresh fruit from South Africa, provides in its Memorandum of Incorporation for the duties and obligations of members. Whereas Clause 3 of Schedule 1 of the Memorandum of Incorporation requires every member to conduct himself in a manner that does not bring the Forum into disrepute, and which includes (but which is not limited to) the commission of any criminal offense or any action which is contrary to the policy or the interests of the Forum, it is considered appropriate to provide for a more detailed Code of Conduct to act for the guidance of members.

B. General

2. It is expected of every member of the Forum that he shall conduct himself in the practice of the business of exporter in such a manner that his conduct does not bring, or is not likely to bring, the Forum into disrepute.
3. The Forum expects all members, to act in a manner which is consistent with their membership of the Forum, and in accordance with what may be described as "*honest and lawful business practices*". Without limiting the general ambit of this general intention, the following non-exclusive guidelines may be of assistance in determining conduct which is improper and/or inconsistent with membership of the Forum:
 - 3.1 The making of false and/or derogatory statements concerning the Forum, its office bearers, or fellow members of the Forum, in circumstances where the maker is aware of the falsity of the statements or has no reasonable grounds for believing same to be true.
 - 3.2 The member's conviction of a crime of dishonesty which either relates to, or is relevant to, his business.
 - 3.3 The estate of a member being sequestered, or a company or close corporation of which he is director or member being wound up, in circumstances which it can be shown that such sequestration or winding up was occasioned by the improper or unlawful conducting of the business.
 - 3.4 A member failing to pay its membership fees within 30 (thirty) days of receiving a statement of account.

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- 3.5 A member not supplying industry information requested by the FPEF secretariat for the generic compilation of industry statistics when all individual information will be treated confidentially.
- 3.6 A member not cooperating with the FPEF's mediation procedures in the event of a dispute arising (i) between members, (ii) between members and producers, and (iii) between members and service providers.
- 3.7 A member disclosing, publishing, or providing details of any dispute notification sent by the FPEF secretariat for the information of members only, to a non-member.

Name of Company _____

Name of Signatory _____

Position in the Company _____

Signature _____

Signed on this _____ **day of** _____ **20** _____