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PRESS RELEASE

**PHASED LIFTING OF THE TOPICAL VEGETABLE IMPORT
RESTRICTION MEASURES**

We wish to inform the general public, farmers and all stakeholders that the lifting of the vegetable import restriction will be implemented in phases and subject to further engagements with all stakeholders locally and elsewhere.

PHASE 1:

The lifting of import restrictions on turmeric, patty pan, pumpkin, sweet potatoes, green peas, sweet corn, broccoli, cauliflower, germ squash, baby marrows, green beans, sweet melon, mushroom, calabash, cantaloupe and eggplant shall effect immediately

PHASE 2:

The lifting of import restrictions on beetroot, butternut, cabbage, carrot, garlic, ginger, green mealies, herbs, lettuce, onions, potatoes, sweet pepper, tomato and water melons will be implemented on a gradual and phased basis as will be informed by need and capacity, by the 1st April 2025 subject to review which incorporates Southern African Customs Union (SACU) considerations.

In balancing national needs and the interest of various stakeholders, import restrictions on any other horticulture products will be imposed as and when local production of commodities is relatively high and available.

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