CHANGES IN THE GRADING OF SOYA BEANS FOR THE 2015/16 SEASON

The Directorate: Food Safety and Quality Assurance of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has granted Agbiz Grain a dispensation on the grading of soya bean for the 2015 season. Agbiz Grain members may start using the new double sieve grading method immediately and for the duration of the 2015 season.

The dispensation is relevant to the new regulations for grading soya bean (and sunflower) on a clean basis, as published by DAFF in June 2014.

This new method allows for a more objective and scientific manner to grade soya beans. It is also faster, more accurate and less tedious for the grain grader without compromising the position of either producers or agribusiness role players in the value chain.

Amendment of inspection methods
- An 1.8 mm slotted sieve will be used in combination with the 4.75 mm round-hole sieve for the determination of foreign matter in soya beans.
- The number of sieve strokes must be increased from 20 to 30 and the prescribed 30 strokes must be completed within 30 to 35 seconds.
- All matter other than soya beans, loose seed coats and pods of soya beans as well as glass, coal, dung, sclerotinia and metal that pass through the 1.8 mm slotted sieve during the sieving process is considered foreign matter.

Amendments to the grading table
- The maximum percentage foreign matter is increased from 4% to 5%. As a result of the combination of foreign matter and sclerotinia is increased from 6% to 7%.

Agbiz Grain comprises 12 major role players in the grain industry. The members are independent business entities that fulfil their role of handling and storage in the grain industry with a total silo capacity of 15 million tons.
Relevant documentation regarding the dispensation comprises the following:

- [2015 Soya bean Dispensation](#)
- [Soya bean grading regulation 2014](#)
- [Changes in soya bean grading for 2015](#) / [Veranderinge in sojaboon gradering vir 2015](#)

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