



## **6 JUNE 2022: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRADING REGULATIONS**

Agbiz Grain supports the agreed proposed amendments to the grading regulations as submitted by the Forum Steering Committee on 11 August 2021.

The voluntary nature of a dispensation, the fact that it is not legally enforceable, and that it can be withdrawn render a dispensation impractical. In recent forum discussions, it became evident that there is no consensus in the value chain regarding the new proposed grading regulations. Recent concerns by other role players were raised that all relevant aspects were not supported by sufficient scientific research. Agbiz Grain supports that consensus is reached between all stakeholders in the value chain. As soon as the grading regulations are published in the Government Gazette, thereby replacing the 2009 regulations, it will be regarded to be applicable only from the start of the next marketing year on 1 May. Take note that the 2009 regulations will stay applicable until new regulations are published.