

South Africa to face 30% U.S. trade tariff on agri exports

Minister of Agriculture John Steenhuisen has acknowledged correspondence from the White House regarding the decision to impose a 30% trade tariff on South Africa, effective 1 August 2025.

Minister Steenhuisen stated that he will continue to work closely with fellow ministers, including the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, and the Minister of Finance, to urgently engage with the United States and explore all possible avenues to secure a more favourable and fair trade outcome for South Africa. The agricultural goods affected by the tariff include citrus, grapes, wine, and nuts, among other products.

"Thousands of jobs in the agricultural sector are impacted, and therefore, we remain committed to constructive dialogue with our USA counterparts. As part of the strategy, the Department of Agriculture is continuing engagements with trade partners and exploring other avenues in new and emerging markets," Minister Steenhuisen said.

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