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TO:

- ALL GROWERS OF FLUE-CURED TOBACCO
- ALL LICENCED 'A' CLASS BUYERS
- ALL LICENCED CONTRACT BUYERS
- ALL LICENCED AUCTION FLOORS
- ALL REGISTERED COMMERCIAL GRADERS
- FARMERS DEVELOPMENT TRUST
- PROPAK
- TOBACCO RESEARCH BOARD
- TOBACCO TRADE ASSOCIATION
- ZIMBABWE COMMERCIAL FARMERS UNION
- ZIMBABWE FARMERS UNION
- ZIMBABWE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION
- ZIMBABWE PROGRESSIVE TOBACCO FARMERS ASSOCIATION
- ZIMBABWE TOBACCO ASSOCIATION
- ZIMBABWE TOBACCO SEED ASSOCIATION
- TIMB BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Dear Sir/Madam

END OF THE 2019 FLUE-CURED AUCTION TOBACCO MARKETING SEASON

The TIMB Board advises all stakeholders that the 2019 **auction** flue-cured (Virginia) tobacco marketing season will close on **Wednesday 28th August 2019** with final deliveries being accepted on Tuesday 27th August 2019.

All growers who sell on **auction** floors are therefore advised to complete their grading and baling operations by Friday 23rd August 2019 at the very latest.

The flue-cured **auction** tobacco clean up sale for the 2019 marketing season will be held on **Tuesday, 10th September 2019**. Depending on the volume of deliveries the clean-up sale may be continued for more than one day and until all delivered tobacco has been sold.

Because of the volumes that are still being received, **contract sales will continue until further notice**. Nonetheless contracted growers are advised to finalize the grading and marketing of their tobacco.

For the rest of the 2019 auction tobacco marketing season, the following procedures will apply to bookings and sales of declared defective bales:-

- **Mixed Bales**

With effect from Tuesday 27th August 2019, declared mixed bales may be sold. All such bales shall be declared for the defect prior to sales.

- **Mouldy Bales**

With effect from Tuesday 27th August 2019, mouldy bales may be sold. All mouldy bales will be declared for the defect prior to sales.

- **Bookings**

The existing booking-in system will continue unaltered and shall include sales of mouldy bales. Late deliveries will need to be booked into the system before sale to ensure that they are subjected to the Stop Order System.

All defective bales will be declared for the defect prior to sales.

No appeals may be made on declared defective bales except for Foreign Matter.

Any bale containing Foreign Matter may not be sold declared for the defect. Such bales must be returned to the grower for re-handling or destroyed.

Any bale rejected by Arbitrators as defective (excluding bales rejected for Foreign Matter) and held at Auction or Contract Sales Floors can be re-offered in the last two days of sales (Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th August 2019), declared for this defect.

- **Buyer' Re-sales**

Buyer's re-sales may be booked in as normal up to the close of the marketing season.

Thank you for your cooperation.

By Order of the Board



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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