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TO: ALL GROWERS OF FLUE-CURED TOBACCO
ALL LICENCED BUYERS
ALL LICENCED AUCTION FLOORS
ALL LICENCED CONTRACTORS
ALL LICENCED COMMERCIAL TOBACCO GRADERS
ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION OF TOBACCO GROWERS
ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION OF TOBACCO MERCHANTS
ZIMBABWE COMMERCIAL FARMERS UNION
ZIMBABWE FARMERS UNION TOBACCO ASSOCIATION
ZIMBABWE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION
ZIMBABWE PROGRESSIVE TOBACCO FARMERS UNION
ZIMBABWE TOBACCO ASSOCIATION
T I M B STAFF

Dear Sir/Madam

2015 PROCEDURES FOR RE-HANDLING OF DEFECTIVE REJECTED BALES

The tobacco industry has experienced a widespread increase in the number of intermediate tobacco buyers who buy some rejected bales outside the legal selling system.

This practice is in contravention of Section 40 of the Tobacco Industry and Marketing Act (Chapter 18:20) which stipulates that all tobacco shall only be sold on licensed floors.

Any person who contravenes this provision shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level five or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

In order to curtail this practice, all defective rejected bales would be automatically sent for re-handling by auction floors. The tobacco will then be sold through the grower's account within 24 hours.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully



DR ANDREW E MATIBIRI
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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