

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

POLICY DIRECTIVE

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

CHAIRMAN, RURAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

IN THE MATTER OF THE TIMELINESS OF EXPENDITURE OF MONEY FROM THE PRODUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAMME THAT IS MANAGED BY THE RURAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (RADA)

As you are aware, a production incentive programme was established within the Rural Agricultural Development Authority to assist farmers with the inputs and allied activities required to produce their crops and or livestock.

This programme was established because of the need to boost agricultural production in rural communities and where appropriate, some urban centres where food production takes place.

You are also aware that the funds are reposed by RADA for allocation to each Member of Parliament for specific approved agricultural production activities within his or her constituency.

Due to the urgent demands placed on the fund by the needs of the farmers, to mitigate weather adversities, protection from and recovery from onslaught of pests and diseases and to meet market demands, the timely expenditure of these funds is compelling, and delays will violate the objective for which the programme was established.

Consequently, the following directives are hereby given:

- 1. All funds allocated to Members of Parliament under this programme MUST be expended for the intended purpose/approved activity by November 30, 2018.*
- 2. Failure to utilize the allotted amount within the stipulated period and for the approved activity, will result in a withdrawal of such allocation for use by RADA in other areas of compelling need.*
- 3. The action of withdrawal will be irreversible.*

I so direct as a matter of policy



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