

MEDIA RELEASE

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Commission searches agricultural lime manufacturers and suppliers

The Commission is currently conducting searches on the premises of agricultural lime manufacturers and suppliers H.Pistorius & Co (Pty) Ltd, Kalkor (Pty) Ltd, Plaaslike Boeredienste (Pty) Ltd, Fertiliser Association of South Africa (FSSA) and Grasland Ondernemings (Pty) Ltd.

The search is being conducted simultaneously around Gauteng and the North-West.

The search forms part of the Commission's investigation into retail price maintenance, price fixing and market allocation in the agricultural lime market.

The companies are manufacturers and/or suppliers of dolomitic and calcitic agricultural lime products which are mainly sold to farmers.

In terms of section 48 of the Competition Act, the Commission is authorised to enter and search premises and seize documents which have a bearing on an investigation.

Section 46(2) (b) of the Act authorises a judge or magistrate to issue the Commission with a warrant allowing members of its staff and accompanying police officers to enter and search such premises.

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