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**1394. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether her department has any plans to support local fertiliser production companies especially those that produce mono-ammonium phosphate; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1686E**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Yes. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) amongst others; regulates the manufacturing, distribution, importation, sale and use of fertilizers in terms of Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No. 36 of 1947).

To be able to manufacture, import, sell and export; the mono-ammonium phosphate fertilizer must be registered in terms of the said Act. Thus, DALRRD provides support to local fertiliser production companies by ensuring that the mono-ammonium phosphate fertilizers they produce are registered in terms of the said Act to enable them to sell and export the products.