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MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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My Ref: SB 245/505/61

DATE: 11-03-2020

Your Ref:

**THE HON. REGIONAL MINISTER,
OFFICE OF THE BONO REGIONAL
CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL,
SUNYANI.**

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**THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
ACCRA.**

RE: CONCERNS RAISED BY CASHEW FARMERS IN THE BONO REGION

I have received your letter dated 3rd March 2020 reference BA/MOFA/1A in which you raise concerns of cashew farmers in the Bono Region.

I appreciate the concerns raised and the suggestions made by the National Cashew Farmers Association relating to cashew marketing in the Bono Region.

I want to assure the farmers that we are equally concerned about what is going on within the cashew industry in your Region. As you are aware the Tree Crop Development Authority Bill has been assented to by the President. The Authority is being set up to regulate and develop cashew and six other tree crops.

Before then, some local action should be taken to regulate cashew marketing in the Bono Region. I propose the setting up of a 7-member Regional committee consisting of:

- (a) Two (2) representatives of buyers,
- (b) One (1) representative of farmers,
- (c) One (1) volunteer (non-resident), and
- (d) Two (2) DCEs with the Deputy Regional Minister as chairman.

The membership of this committee has been discussed in detail with your Deputy Regional Minister and I expect it to be formed within the next seven days.

The following immediate actions should be taken to control the marketing of cashew in your Region:

- (a) With immediate effect, all cashew buyers should apply to the Regional Minister for registration.
- (b) The applicants should be screened and details of selected applicants forwarded to the Minister for Food and Agriculture for licensing.
- (c) Any buyer without such licence would be prohibited from operating in the Bono Region
- (d) There should be an immediate ban on movement of cashew from Cote d'Ivoire to Ghana and we expect the security agencies to ensure that this directive is carried out without fail.
- (e) The arrangements stipulated above should be given as wide a publicity as possible, in all cashew growing areas in the Region.

Madame Minister, I expect you to take personal charge of the daily supervision of the work of the committee to promote sanity in cashew marketing in the Bono Region.

I look forward to a successful intervention in the cashew industry to promote sustainable living conditions for our cashew farmers.

Best regards,



**HON. DR. OWUSU AFRIYIE AKOTO,
MINISTER.**

cc: Hon Minister for National Security,
Accra.

Hon Minister for Interior,
Accra.