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DRAFT LEAD REGULATIONS

The Minister of Employment and Labour gave notice of the intention to make the abovementioned Regulations. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments within 90 days from the date of publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette, to the Director-General of the department of Employment and Labour.

Published under Government Notice R. 4437, Government Gazette 50203 of 1 March 2024.

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DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CONVEYOR SYSTEMS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chief Inspector in terms of section 27(1) of the Act, intends to incorporate the Code of Practice for Conveyor Systems into the Driven Machinery Regulations. Interested parties are invited to submit their written comments on the Draft of the Code of Practice for Conveyor Systems to the Director General office within 60 days from the date of publication of the notice in the Government Gazette.

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DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL AGENTS, 2024

The Minister of Employment and Labour gave notice, in terms of section 43 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993, of the intention to make the abovementioned Regulations. Interested persons who wish to comment on the draft Regulations are invited to submit written comments within 90 days from the date of

publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette, to the Director-General of the Department of Employment and Labour. Comments are due by 29 June 2024.

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NATIONAL RAILWAY SAFETY REGULATOR ACT 16 OF 2002

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT SAFETY MANAGEMENT DETERMINATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS BY ALL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED RAILWAY STAKEHOLDERS

The Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Railway Safety Regulator published the Draft Safety Management Systems Determination for public comments. All interested and affected Stakeholders are invited to submit their written comments within 60 days from the publication of the Draft Safety Management Systems Determination in the Government Gazette, to smsreview@rsr.org.za.

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PUBLICATION OF THE REGULATOR INTERFACE AGREEMENTS STANDARD FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE BY RAILWAY OPERATORS

The Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Railway Safety Regulator published the Interface Agreements Standard for implementation and compliance by the Railway Operators. This Standard applies to all Railway Operators as defined in terms of the Act. The Railway Operators are henceforth required to comply by implementing the requirements which are specified in the Standard.

Published under Government Notice 4609, Government Notice 50442 of 5 March 2024.

PUBLICATION OF THE COMMON SAFETY METHOD ON RISK ASSESSMENT AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE EXISTING SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DETERMINATION, FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE BY RAILWAY OPERATORS

The Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Railway Safety Regulator published the Common Safety Method on Risk Assessment (CSM-RA), as an Addendum to the existing latest version of the Determination in Terms of Section 28 of the National Railway Safety Regulator Act 16 Of 2002, for implementation and compliance by the Railway Operators. This CSM-RA addendum applies to all Railway Operators as defined in terms of the Act. The Railway Operators are henceforth required to comply by implementing the requirements which are specified in this addendum.

Published under General Notice 4610, Government Gazette 50442 of 5 April 2024.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY PERMIT FEES FOR 2024 / 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Minister of transport determined the fees that the Railway Safety Regulator must charge for the safety permits, with effect from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The fees were published under General Notice 2393, Government Gazette 50391 of 28 March 2024.

COMPENSATION FOR OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND DISEASES ACT 130 OF 1993

ANNUAL INCREASE IN MEDICAL TARIFFS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

The Minister of Employment and Labour prescribed the scale of fees for Medical Aid payable under section 76, with effect from 1 April 2024. Medical Tariffs increase for 2024/2025 are as follows:

1. Hospital Tariffs: to be increased between 0 % and 9.7 % as applicable.
2. Non-Hospital Tariffs: 5.4 %

The fees are applicable in respect of services rendered from 1 April 2024 for the financial year 2024/25 and exclude 15 % VAT.

- GN 4569, GG 50397 of 28 March 2024 – Ambulance
- GN 4571, GG 50399 of 28 March 2024 – Private Hospitals
- GN 4572, GG 50400 of 28 March 2024 - Wound Care & Blood Services
- GN 4573, GG 50401 of 28 March 2024 – Dental Services
- GN 4574, GG 50402 of 28 March 2024 – Occupational Therapy
- GN 4576, GG 50404 of 28 March 2024 – Physiotherapy
- GN 4579, GG 50407 of 28 March 2024 – Radiography & Dietician
- GN 4581, GG 50409 of 28 March 2024 – Chiropractor
- GN 4582, GG 50410 of 28 March 2024 - Optometry

HEALTH LEGISLATION

REGULATIONS:

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE NAMES THAT MAY NOT BE USED IN RELATION TO THE PROFESSION OF OPTOMETRY: AMENDMENT, 2024

The Minister of Health published the amendments to the above Regulations under Government Notice 4499, Government Gazette 50292 of 15 March 2024.

VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS ACT 19 OF 1982

REGULATIONS RELATING TO VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS: AMENDMENT

Table 1 of the Regulations regarding “Fees Payable” were amended and published under General Notice 2398, Government Gazette 50442 of 5 April 2024.

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