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REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING PRIORITY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment made the Regulations for implementing and enforcing priority area air quality management plans. The Regulations apply to –

- any person conducting a listed activity;
- any person operating a controlled emitter;
- any holder of a right or permit related to prospecting operation, exploration operation, mining operation, or production operation;
- any person conducting reclamation; and
- any department of state or administration in the national, provincial or local sphere of government.

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NOTICES:

ANIMAL DISEASES ACT 35 OF 1984

CONTROL MEASURES RELATING TO FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

The Minister of Agriculture published the Control Measures under Government Notice 5064, Government Gazette 50997 of 26 July 2024 and repealed the Control Measures of 2022.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT 39 OF 2004

CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT SECOND-GENERATION HIGHVELD PRIORITY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment invited comments on the draft second generation Highveld Priority Area Air Quality Management Plan. This Air Quality Management Plan incorporates targeted strategies to manage air quality more effectively and by specific stakeholders, namely:

- a) Any person conducting a listed activity;
- b) Any person operating a controlled emitter;
- c) Any holder of a right or permit related to a prospecting operation, exploration operation, mining operation, or production operation as defined in section 1 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002;
- d) Any person conducting reclamation; and
- e) Any department of state or administration in the national, provincial, or local sphere of government.

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister, within 30 days from the date of the publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette, or in a national newspaper, whichever date is the later date, written comments on the second-generation Highveld Priority Area Air Quality Management Plan to the Director-General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 22 OF 2024

The President has assented to the abovementioned Act, which comes into operation on a date fixed by the President by proclamation in the Government Gazette.

The objects of this Act are to—

- (a) provide for a coordinated and integrated response by the economy and society to climate change and its impacts in accordance with the principles of cooperative governance;
- (b) provide for the effective management of inevitable climate change impacts by enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, with a view to building social, economic and environmental resilience and an adequate national adaptation response in the context of the global climate change response;
- (c) make a fair contribution to the global effort to stabilise greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that avoids dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system;
- (d) to ensure a just transition towards a low carbon economy and society considering national circumstances;
- (e) give effect to the Republic's international commitments and obligations in relation to climate change; and
- (f) protect and preserve the planet for the benefit of present and future generations of humankind.

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 107 OF 1998

EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY FORUM

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment extended the period for establishment of the National Environmental Consultative and Advisory Forum by a further 12 months from 18 August 2025.

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