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The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment consulted on the intention to repeal and replace the previously published Regulations to Domesticate the Requirements of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Members of the public were invited to submit, within 30 days of publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette or in a newspaper, whichever is the later date, written representations or objections to the proposed amendments to the Director-General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT 59 OF 2008

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CONTROL OF THE IMPORT OR EXPORT OF WASTE

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment consulted on the proposed amendments to the Regulations regarding the Control of the Import or Export of Waste, 2019. Members of the public were invited to submit to the Minister, within 30 days of publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette, written comments or inputs on the proposed amendments to the Regulations, to the Director-General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. Published under Government Notice 3928, Government Gazette 49390 of 2 October 2023.

CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT SECTION 29 INDUSTRY WASTE TYRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment gave notice of the intention to consider and approve the draft Industry Waste Tyre Management Plan, prepared and submitted by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), in terms of section 29(1), read with sections 30,31 and 32 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008. Members of the public were invited to submit, within 30 days of publication of the notice in the Government Gazette or a national newspaper, whichever is published last, written representations or objections to the Director-General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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DETERMINATION OF LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF LANDFILLS

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment determined the licensing authority for the different classes of landfills, as follows:

1. The licensing authority for the disposal of type 1 wastes (hazardous waste) to a class A landfill is the Minister.
"type 1 wastes" means wastes assessed in accordance with section 7(2)(b) of the Norms and Standards for Assessment of Waste for Landfill Disposal;
"class A landfill" means a landfill designed in accordance with section 3(1)(a) and (2) of the Norms and Standards for Disposal of Waste to Landfill;
2. The licensing authority for the disposal of type 2 wastes (hazardous waste) to a class B landfill is the Member of the Executive Council responsible for the environment (waste management) in the province.
"type 2 wastes" means wastes assessed in accordance with section 7(2)(c) of the Norms and Standards for Assessment of Waste for Landfill Disposal;
"class B landfill" means a landfill designed in accordance with section 3(1)(b) and (2) of the Norms and Standards for Disposal of Waste to Landfill;
3. The licensing authority for the disposal of type 3 wastes or type 4 wastes (general waste) to a class B landfill, class C landfill or class D landfill, is the Member of the Executive Council responsible for the environment (waste management) in the province.
"type 3 wastes" means wastes assessed in accordance with section 7(2)(d) of the Norms and Standards for Assessment of Waste for Landfill Disposal; and
"type 4 wastes" means wastes assessed in accordance with section 7(2)(e) of the Norms and Standards for Assessment of Waste for Landfill Disposal.
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"class B landfill" means a landfill designed in accordance with section 3(1)(b) and (2) of the Norms and Standards for Disposal of Waste to Landfill;
"class C landfill" means a landfill designed in accordance with section 3(1)(c) and (2) of the Norms and Standards for Disposal of Waste to Landfill;
"class D landfill" means a landfill designed in accordance with section 3(1)(d) and (2) of the Norms and Standards for Disposal of Waste to Landfill;

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CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE WASTE TYRE REGULATIONS, 2017

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment gave notice of the intention to amend the Waste Tyre Regulations, 2017. Members of the public were invited to submit within 30 days from the date of publication of the notice in the Government Gazette or the newspaper, whichever date comes last, written comments of the draft amendments to the Director-General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.
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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT 10 OF 2004

PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO LISTED THREATENED OR PROTECTED TERRESTRIAL SPECIES AND FRESHWATER SPECIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment gave notice of the intention to republish, for public comment, the draft Regulations pertaining to Listed Threatened or Protected Terrestrial Species and Freshwater



Species. Members of the public were invited to submit written comments on the draft Regulations within 30 days from the date of publication of the notice in the Government Gazette or in the newspaper, whichever date is the later date of publication, to the Director-General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. Published under Government Notice 3962, Government Gazette 49469 of 12 October 2023.

REPUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT LIST OF THREATENED OR PROTECTED TERRESTRIAL SPECIES AND FRESHWATER SPECIES, RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PROPOSED TO BE PROHIBITED, AND RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PROPOSED TO BE EXEMPTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment republished for public comment, the

- a) Draft list of threatened or protected terrestrial species and freshwater species;
- b) Restricted activities that are proposed to be prohibited;
- c) Restricted activities that are proposed to be exempted.

Members of the public were invited to submit written comments within 30 days of publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette or the newspaper, whichever date is the later date, to the Director-General, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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NATIONAL FOREST ACT 84 OF 1998

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL FOREST ACT, 1998

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment consulted on the proposed amendments to the Regulations under the National Forests Act, 1998, which was published in April 2009. The draft amendments were originally published under Government Notice 3121, Government Gazette 49507 of 8 March 2023, but were republished due to substantive changes that have been effected after the closure of the initial public comment process. Members of the public were invited to submit written comments to the proposed amendments within 30 days of publication of the notice in the Government Gazette or the newspaper, whichever date is the latest, to the Director-General, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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