

**NEWSLETTER ENV-4-2023****1 April 2023 – 30 April 2023****CONTENT****Regulations:**

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**REGULATIONS:****FERTILIZERS, FARM FEEDS, AGRICULTURAL REMEDIES AND STOCK REMEDIES ACT 36 OF 1947**

*REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TARIFFS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF FERTILIZERS, FARM FEEDS, AGRICULTURAL REMEDIES, STOCK REMEDIES, STERILIZING PLANTS AND PEST CONTROL OPERATORS, APPEALS AND IMPORTS: AMENDMENT*

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development amended the abovementioned regulations by amending Table 1 of the regulations regarding “Tariffs, rates and scales for services, goods and supplies provided by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development”.

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**NOTICES:****NATIONAL FORESTS ACT 84 OF 1998**

*INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED LIST OF PARTICULAR TREES AND PARTICULAR GROUPS OF TREES UNDER SECTION 12(1)(a) AND (B) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT 84 OF 1988*

Notice was given of the intention to declare a list of particular trees and particular group of trees (Champion Trees) under section 12(1)(a)(b) of the Act. The consequence of declaring a tree, species of trees or a particular group of trees or a particular woodland as protected, according to section 15(1) of the Act, is that no person may-

- a) Cut, disturb, damage, or destroy any protected tree; or
- b) Possess, collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree, or any forest product derived from a protected tree, except-
  - i) Under a license granted by the Minister; or
  - ii) In terms of an exemption published by the Minister.

Affected parties were invited to submit written comments or objections within 30 days of publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette, to the Director-General, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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*RELEASE OF LAND FOR NON-FORESTRY PURPOSES IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 50(3) AND (4) OF THE ACT*

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment intends to release the land parcels listed in the Notice, from being part of State Forest land, so that they can be utilised for non-forestry purposes, in terms of section 50(3) and (4) of the Act. Members of the public were invited to submit, within 30 days after publication of the notice in the Gazette or newspaper, whichever comes last, written comments to the Director-General, Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries.

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 107 OF**

*CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO EXCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITIES FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION BASED ON THE SOLAR EXCLUSION NORM*

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment consulted on the intention to exclude the development and expansion of solar photovoltaic facilities, including any associated activity or infrastructure, from the requirement to obtain environmental authorisation. Members of the public were invited to submit written comments within 30 days from the date of the publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette, to the Director-General, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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*CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS LAYING DOWN THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR THE ADOPTION OF SPATIAL TOOLS OR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENTS*

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment intends to amend the Regulations laying down the procedure to be followed for the adoption of spatial tools or environmental management instruments, which was published in GN 542, GG 42380 of 5 April 2019. Members of the public were invited to submit written comments within 30 days after the publication of the Notice, to the Director-General, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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*CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO EXCLUDE IDENTIFIED ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION BASED ON THE BATTERY STORAGE EXCLUSION NORM*

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment intends to exclude certain activities identified in terms of section 24(2)(a) and (b) of the Act, associated with the development and expansion of battery storage facilities, from the requirement to obtain environmental authorisation. Members of the public were invited to submit written comments within 30 days from the date of the publication of the Notice to the Director-General, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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**NATIONAL WATER ACT 36 OF 1998***INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS IN TERMS OF SECTION 110 OF THE ACT ON THE PROPOSED uMKHOMAZI WATER PROJECT PHASE 1 RAW WATER COMPONENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT RELATING THERETO*

The Minister of Water and Sanitation intends to construct a government water works, the raw water component of the uMkhomazi Water Project Phase 1. Interested parties were invited to submit written comments on the proposed government water works and the Environmental Impact Assessment, by 30 September 2022, to the Director-General, Department of Water and Sanitation.

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*INTENTION TO TRANSFORM IRRIGATION BOARDS INTO WATER USER ASSOCIATION*

The Minister of Water and Sanitation intends to transform the Irrigation Boards established under the Water Act 54 of 1956 to be Water User Associations. All Irrigation Boards were invited to prepare proposal for transformation according to section 91 of the National Water Act and submit within 90 days of the publication of the Notice.

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT: AIR QUALITY ACT 39 OF 2004***PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE DECLARING TEMPORARY ASPHALT PLANTS AS CONTROLLED EMITTERS AND ESTABLISHING THEIR EMISSION STANDARDS, AS PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT NOTICE 201, GOVERNMENT GAZETTE 37461 OF 28 MARCH 2014*

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment intends to amend the notice declaring temporary asphalt plants as controlled emitters, which was published in GN 201, GG 37461 of 28 March 2014. Written comments on the proposed amendments must be submitted within 30 days from the date of the publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette, or in the newspaper, whichever date is later, to the Director-General, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT 59 OF 2008***NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF COMMENTING PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WASTE CLASSIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS, 2013, THE NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF WASTE FOR LANDFILL DISPOSAL, 2013, AND THE NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE TO LANDFILL, 2013*

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment gave notice of the extension of the commenting period on the proposed amendments to the abovementioned regulations and norms and standards. Members of the public were invited to submit written comments and inputs on the proposed amendments, which were published on 24 March 2023, by no later than Monday, 26 June 2023, to the Director General: Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

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