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PROCLAMATIONS:

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LAWS AMENDMENT ACT 2 OF 2022

COMMENCEMENT OF ACT

The President determined that the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act, 2022, save for sections 11, 35(a), 57, 60, 61(c) 61(j), 61(k), 62, 63, 64,65,66,72,76, 77, 86, 87, and 88, came into operation on the date of publication of the Proclamation in the Gazette.

Published under Proclamation Notice 125, Government Gazette 48869 of 30 June 2023.

You can access the abovementioned Act on our website at:

https://implex.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ENV-NEMA-NEMLAA-G46602-GovN2203-June2022_1.pdf

REGULATIONS:

GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS ACT 15 OF 1997

REGULATIONS: AMENDMENTS

The Minister of Agriculture amended the Regulations, which was originally published under GN R. 1420 on 26 November 1999.

Published under Government Notice 3486, Government Gazette 48696 of 2 June 2023.

NOTICES:

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 107 OF 1998

EXTENSION OF THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE REGULATIONS TO DOMESTICATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ROTTERDAM CONVENTION ON THE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, 2023

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment extended the commencement date of the abovementioned Regulations by substituting Regulation 13(2) of the Regulations with the following sub-regulation: “(2) These Regulations will commence 300 days from the date of publication in the Government Gazette.”
Published under Government Notice 3505, Government Gazette 48751 of 6 June 2023.

NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY OFFSET GUIDELINE

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment published for implementation, under section 24J of the Act, the National Biodiversity Offset Guideline.
Published under Government Notice 3569, Government Gazette 48841 of 23 June 2023.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT 59 OF 2008

PACKAGING GUIDELINE: RECYCLABILITY BY DESIGN FOR PACKAGING AND PAPER IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment published the Packaging Guideline: Recyclability by Design for packaging and paper developed under section 6(1)(a) of the Act, for implementation. Die Packaging Guideline covers four categories of packaging material streams namely metals, glass, paper and plastics. The main purpose of this Packaging Guideline is to reduce the volume of packaging ending up in landfill sites by improving product design, increasing quality of production practices and promoting waste prevention. One of the key objectives of this Packaging Guideline is to assist designers in all forms of packaging with a better understanding of the environmental implications of their design decisions, thus promoting good environmental practices without restricting choice.
Published under Government Notice 3604, Government Gazette 48845 of 26 June 2023.

WATER SERVICES ACT 108 OF 1997

NAME CHANGE OF UMGENI WATER TO uMNGENI-uTHUKELA WATER

The Minister of Water and Sanitation gave notice to change the name of Umgeni Water to uMngeni-uThukela Water, effective 1 July 2023. Th name change incorporates the geographic area of operations of Umgeni Water and the former Mhlathuze Water.
Published under Government Notice 3555, Government Gazette 48833 of 19 June 2023.

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

PROHIBITION REGARDING THE USE OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL REMEDIES

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development intends to prohibit the use of agricultural remedies containing chlorpyrifos and cartap hydrochloride as active ingredients. Interested persons were invited to submit written comments or representations concerning the proposed prohibition within 60 days from the date

of publication of the Notice, to the Registrar: Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act 36 of 1947, Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

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