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PROCLAMATIONS:

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 107 OF 1998

COMMENCEMENT OF SECTIONS 35(A) AND 60 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LAWS AMENDMENT ACT 2 OF 2022

The President determined that sections 35(a) and 60 of the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act, 2022, will come into operation on the date of publication of the Proclamation in the Government Gazette. Published under Proclamation 249, Government Gazette 52270 of 2025.

REGULATIONS

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 107 OF 1998

REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MERCURY IN SOUTH AFRICA, 2024

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment made the Regulations for the management of Mercury in South Africa, 2024, w.e.f date of publication in the Government Gazette.

Published under Government Notice 6073, Government Gazette 52424 of 31 March 2025.

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PLANT IMPROVEMENT ACT 53 OF 1976

REGULATIONS RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT, VARIETIES, PLANTS AND PROPAGATING MATERIAL, 1980

Table 8 of the abovementioned Regulations relating to Varieties in respect of which certification is required, was amended under Government Notice R. 6002, Government Gazette 52342 of 20 March 2025.

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

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

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development made the abovementioned Regulations. Published under Government Notice 6047, Government Gazette 52388 of 28 March 2025.

NOTICES:

ANIMAL DISEASES ACT 35 OF 1984

CONTROL MEASURES RELATING TO FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

The Minister of Agriculture repealed the Control Measures relating to Foot and Mouth Disease as prescribed in Government Notice 5064 of 26 July 2024 and prescribed new Control Measures. Published under Government Notice 5997, Government Gazette 52318 of 17 March 2025.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT 39 OF 2004

SECOND-GENERATION HIGHVELD PRIORITY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment published the second-generation Highveld Priority Area Air Quality Management Plan for implementation. Published under Government Notice R. 6040, Government Gazette 52387 of 26 March 2026.
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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 24 OF 2008

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTING PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF OFFSHORE BUNKERING

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment published the Draft Regulations for the environmental management of offshore bunkering for public comment in Government Notice No. 5886, Government Gazette No. 52151 of 21 February 2025 (Draft Regulations). The public commenting period for the submission of written comments on the Draft Regulations is extended to 5 May 2025. Published under Government Notice 6037, Government Gazette 52380 of 25 March 2025.

AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT 36 OF 1983

CONTROL MEASURES REGARDING DEPARTMENTAL FEES: AMENDMENT

The Minister of Agriculture made the Control Measures as set out in the schedule to the said notice and determined that the said Control Measures came into operation on 01 April 2025.

Published under Government Notice 5962, Government Gazette 52228 of 7 March 2025.

NATIONAL WATER ACT 36 OF 1998

REVISION OF THE PRICING STRATEGY FOR RAW WATER USE CHARGES IN TERMS OF SECTION 56(1) OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998

The Minister of Water and Sanitation issued an Erratum Notice to the published Revised Pricing strategy for Raw water Use Charges dated 21 June 2024, in respect of Notice 4992 of 2024, i Government Gazette 50852. The purpose of the erratum is to rename the “Resource Poor Farmer/Forester Subsidy” to “Resource Poor farmer/Forester Charges Waiver” in the revised Pricing Strategy for Raw Water Use Charges. The amendment is necessitated by the need to clarify that the provisions of the Resource Poor farmer/Forester Policy established in terms of regulations set under Section 62 of the Act are in the form of a waiver of charges to eligible farmers and tree growers instead of monetary assistance as may be construed from the term “subsidy”

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