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The Minister of Employment and Labour has, under section 43(1)(a) and (b) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993, made the Physical Agents Regulations, 2024, which will commence 18 months after the date of promulgation in the Government Gazette. These Regulations will repeal the Environmental Regulations for Workplaces, 1987.

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NOISE EXPOSURE REGULATIONS, 2024

The Minister of Employment and Labour has, under section 43(1)(a) and (b) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993, made the Noise Exposure Regulations, 2024, which will commence 18 months after the date of promulgation in the Government Gazette. These Regulations will repeal the Noise-Induced Hearing Loss Regulations, 2003.

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AMENDMENT OF GENERAL SAFETY REGULATIONS, 1986

The Minister of Employment and Labour amended the General Safety Regulations, 1986 w.e.f date of publication in the Government Gazette.

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INSERTION OF ANNEXURE TO THE EXPLOSIVES REGULATIONS, 2024

The Minister of Employment and Labour issued a correction to the Government Notice Gazette No. 50960 of 23 July 2024 and inserted into the Explosives Regulations, 2024, the annexure, (Annexure 1), specified in the Schedule thereto.

Published under Government Notice R. 6004, Government Gazette 52343 of 19 March 2025.

NOTICES

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 85 OF 1993

INVITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS, 2024

The Minister of Employment and Labour intends to make the abovementioned regulations. Interested persons who wish to comment on the draft regulations are invited to do so in writing within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, in the prescribed format (see Annexure A). All representations and comments must be sent to the Director-General of the Department of Employment and Labour.

Published under Government Notice 5983, Government Gazette 52267 of 12 March 2025.

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REGULATIONS DEFINING THE SCOPE OF PROFESSION OF MEDICAL ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

The Minister of Health made the abovementioned Regulations, which was published under Government Notice 5981, Government Gazette 52264 of 14 March 2025.

NATIONAL HEALTH ACT 61 OF 2003

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SURVEILLANCE AND THE CONTROL OF NOTIFIABLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS: AMENDMENT

The Minister of Health amended Annexure A, Tables 1 – 4 of the Regulations relating to notifiable medical conditions, 2017, which contains the lists of categories 1 – 4 notifiable medical conditions. Published under Government Notice 6064, Government Gazette 52391 of 27 March 2025.

NOTICES:

PHARMACY ACT 53 OF 1974

SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL RULES RELATING TO THE SERVICES FOR WHICH A PHARMACIST MAY LEVY A FEE AND GUIDELINES FOR LEVYING SUCH A FEE OR FEES

The South African Pharmacy Council published for implementation, *Rules relating to the services for which a pharmacist may levy a fee and guidelines for levying such fee or fees*, in terms of sections 35A (b)(iii) and 49(4) of the Pharmacy Act 53 of 1974. These Rules shall replace the existing Rules under Board Notice 193 of 2010, w.e.f 1 January 2025. These rules must be read in conjunction with the *Rules relating to Good Pharmacy Practice (GPP)* as published by the South African Pharmacy Council. Published under Board Notice 754, Government Gazette 522264 of 14 March 2025.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF OPTOMETRY OR DISPENSING OPTICIAN STUDENTS

The Minister of Health intends to make the abovementioned Regulations. Published under Government Notice 5982, Government Gazette 522264 of 14 March 2025.

COMPENSATION FOR OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND DISEASES ACT 130 OF 1993

ANNUAL INCREASE IN MONTHLY TARIFFS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

The Minister of Employment and Labour prescribed the scale of Fees for Medical Aid, w.e.f. 1 April 2025. Medical Tariffs will increase by 6 % for the financial year 2025/2026. The fees are applicable in respect of services rendered from 1 April 2025 and exclude 15 % VAT. Published under the Government Notices 3048 - 3057 of 17 March 2025.

GENERAL LEGISLATION

REGULATIONS:

CIVIL AVIATION ACT 13 OF 2009

THIRTY FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS, 2025

The Minister of Transport made the abovementioned Regulations, which were published under Government Notice 6068, Government Gazette 52414 of 28 March 2025. The following Parts were amended:

Part 1 – General Provisions

Part 11 – Procedures for making regulations and technical standards, granting exemptions and notifying differences

Part 12 Accident and Incident Investigation

Part 61 – Pilot Licensing

Part 67 – Medical Certification

Part 139 – Aerodromes and heliports

Part 171 – Aeronautical telecommunication service providers (Electronic services organisations)

Part 185 - Enforcement

Part 186 – Arrangement of Regulations (*new Regulation inserted*)

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