

MARCH 2025 SHE LEGISLATION UPDATE

SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL (SHE) LEGISLATION UPDATE

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1. Commencement of the CCA. Published in GG 52319 NN 251 dated 17 March 2025.

National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004

2. Second-Generation Highveld Priority Area Air Quality Management Plan. Published in GG 52387 NN 6040 dated 26 March 2025.

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- 3. National Appeal Regulations. Published in GG 52269 NN 5985 dated 13 March 2025.
- 4. Regulations for the Management of Mercury in South Africa. Published in GG 52424 NN 6073 dated 31 March 2025.

National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act 2 of 2022 (NEM:LLA)

5. Commencement of section 35 (a) and 60 of the NEM:LLA. Published in GG 52270 NN 249 dated 30 March 2025.

National Water Act 36 of 1998

6. Revised Pricing Strategy for RAW Water Use Charges. Published in GG 52350 NN 3079 dated 13 March 2025.

Carbon Tax Act 15 of 2019

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Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act 36 of 1947

8. Amendment to the 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. Published in GG 52388 NN 6049 dated 28 March 2025.

National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999

- 9. Declaration of the:
 - a. Grave of Adam Kok III, Kokstad KwaZulu-Natal as a National Heritage Site. Published in GG 52348 NN 6008 dated 20 March 2025.
 - b. Declaration of the Gats River Fossil Site, Nieu-Bethesda, Eastern Cape as a National Heritage Site. Published in GG 52348 NN 6009 dated 20 March 2025.

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10. Regulations Relating to the Prohibition of the Sale, Importation and Manufacture of Foodstuffs Containing any Part of the Plant or Component Derived from the Genus Cannabis Sativa L, Hemp, Hemp Seed Oil or Hemp Seed Flour. Published in GG 52227 NN 5960 dated 7 March 2025.

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

11. Classification of a National Disaster terms of section 23 of the DMA: Impact of Severe Weather in the Country. Published in GG 52230 NN 5968 dated 7 March 2025.

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- 13. General Safety Regulations, 2025. Published in GG 52226 NN 5954 dated 6March 2025.
- 14. Noise Exposure Regulations, 2024. Published in GG 52026 NN 5953 dated 6 March 2025.
- 15. Physical Agents Regulations, 2024. Published in GG 52026 NN 5952 dated 6 March 2025.
- 16. Annexure to Explosives Regulations 2024. Published in GG 52343 NN 6004 dated 19 March 2025.

Mine Health and Safety Act 29 of 1996

- 17. Amendments to the Regulations:
 - a. Relating to Rescue, First Aid and Emergency Preparedness and Response. Published in GG 52388 NN 6052 dated 28 March 2025.
 - b. Relating to Occupational Hygiene. Published in GG 52388 NN 6052 dated 28 March 2025.
 - c. Relating to Machinery and Equipment. Published in GG 52388 NN 6052 dated 28 March 2025.

Civil Aviation Act 13 of 2009

- 18. Notice Made by the South African Civil Aviation Authority in terms of the CAA on the Sale of Aviation Fuel. Published in GG 52388 NN 6060 dated 28 March 2025.
- 19. Thirty First Amendment of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2025. Published in GG 52388 NN 6061 dated 28 March 2025.

SECTION C: DRAFT SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL FOR COMMENT (DRAFT NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS)

National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008

20. Consultation on Applications Received for the Exclusion of a Waste Stream or a Portion of a Waste Stream for Beneficial Use from the Definition of Waste. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 30 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 52346 NN 6007 dated 19 March 2025.

Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993

21. Draft Construction Regulations, 2024 for comments. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 90 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 52267 NN 5983 dated 12 March 2025.

National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004

22. Board of the South African National Biodiversity Institute: Nominations invited. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 30 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 52224 NN 5999 dated 18 March 2025.

National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003 (NEM:PAA).

23. Consultation on the Intention to Declare a Certain Area Situated in the Western Cape Province as Part of the Existing Karoo National Park in Term of the NEM:PAA. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 5959 NN 5959 dated 7 March 2025.

Standards Act 8 of 2008

24. Drafts for Comment: Amendment of Existing Standards; Withdrawal of the South African National Standards; Withdrawal of Informative and Normative Documents; Issuing of the South African National Standards. Published in GG 52227 NN 3034 dated 7 March 2025.

Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013

25. Notice to Declare the Proposed Mpumalanga (Eastern Escarpment) as a Region in terms of the section 18 (3) of the SPLUMA. Published in GG 52227 NN 3031 dated 7 March 2025.

National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act 24 of 2008

26. Draft Regulations for the Environmental Management of Offshore Bunkering. Extension of Public Commenting Period for the submission of written comments on the Draft Regulations to 5 May 2025. Published in GG 52380 NN 6037 dated 25 March 2025.

Fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act 36 of 1947

27. Application for Derogation for the Use of Boron in Fertilizer Products in South Africa. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 30 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 52383 NN 3085 dated 14 March 2025 and GG 52388 NN 3087 dated 28 March 2025

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- 28. Nature and Environmental Conservation Ordinance 19 of 1974: determine the hunting season and the daily bag limits. Published in PG 5379 NN 1161 dated 17 March 2025.
- 29. Municipal System Act 32 of 2000:
 - a. Emalahleni Municipality:
 - i. Cemetery and Crematorium By-laws, 2025. Published in PG 5382 NN 1356 dated 24 March 2025.
 - ii. Waste Management By-Law, 2025. Published PG 5379 NN 1350 17 March 2025.
 - iii. Electricity Supply By-laws, 2025. Published in PG 5382 NN 1357 dated 24 March 2025.
 - iv. Traffic By-law, 2022. Published in PG 5382 NN 1358 dated 24 March 2025.
 - v. Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-law, 2025. Published in PG 5382 NN 1359 dated 24 March 2025.
 - b. King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality: Way Leave By-laws, 2025. Published in PG 5382 NN 1364 dated 24 March 2025.
- 28. Emalahleni Local Municipality's SPLUMA By-law 2016: Emalahleni Local Municipality Land Use Scheme: SCM 127/12/2024. Published in PG 5386 NN 173 dated 31 March 2025.

Northern Cape Province

29. Declaration of the Strandfontein Protected Environment and Grasberg Protected Environment as a Protected Environment in terms of section 28(1). Published in PG 2759 NN 703 dated 17 March 2025.

Mpumalanga Province

- 30. National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003:
 - a. Declaration of Properties as Part of the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve in Terms of the NEM:PAA. Published in PG 3787 NN 560 dated 21 March 2025.
 - b. Amendment of the Description of a Nature Reserve and the Withdrawal of Properties from a Nature Reserve in terms of the NEMPAA. Published in PG 3787 NN 561 dated 21 March 2025.

Limpopo Province

31. Limpopo Environmental Management Act 7 of 2003: Open Season for Hunting and Catching of Wild and Alien Animals. Published in PG 3652 NN 1036 dated 14 March 2025.

32. National Heritage Resource Act 25 of 1999: Notice: Relocation of Human Remains. Published in PG 3656 NN 1038 dated 21 March 2025.

Gauteng Province

33. Fire Brigade Services Act 99 of 1987: Lesedi Local Municipality: Municipal Fire Brigade Services By-Law, 2025. Published in PG 93 NN 217 dated 12 March 2025.

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Western Cape Province

- 34. National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003: Notice of Intention to Declare:
 - a. Manna Karoo Nature Reserve. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 9041 NN 25 dated 7 March 2025.
 - b. Lettas Kraal Nature Reserve. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 9041 NN 24 dated 7 March 2025
- 35. Western Cape Land Use Planning Act 3 of 2014: Amendment of the Proposed Overberg Wind Energy Facility. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 30 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 9043 dated 20 March 2025.
- 36. National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998: Environmental Management Framework Regulations, 2010: Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014: Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3: Notice of Adoption of Mossel Bay Municipality Environmental Management Framework and Mossel Bay Municipality Urban Areas. Published in PG 9043 NN 27 dated 25 March 2025.

Eastern Cape Province

37. Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013: Emalahleni Local Municipality Spatial Development Framework 2024-2029. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 5386 NN 172 dated 31 March 2025.

PART TWO: PARLIAMENTARY MONITORING

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BILLS BEFORE PARLIAMENT (AS OF 31 MARCH 2025)

- 1. Constitution Nineteenth Amendment Bill (B1-2025).
- 2. Marine Oil Pollution (Preparedness, Response and Cooperation) Bill (B10-2022).
- 3. Merchant Shipping Bill (B12-2023).

BILLS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT (AS OF 31 MARCH 2025)

1. Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill (B15 – 2021).

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