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SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL (SHE) LEGISLATION UPDATE

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PART TWO: PARLIAMENTARY MONITORING

SECTION A: ENVIRONMENTAL (NATIONAL)

Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 ("MPRDA"):

1. Notice authorises the continuation of geophysical surveys in the Southern Karoo Region, issued under section 50(1) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002. These surveys aim to investigate subsurface geological structures relevant to petroleum potential and geological risk assessment. Published in GG 53490 NN 6726 dated 10 October 2025.

National Water Act 36 of 1998 ("NWA"):

2. Notice introduces the National Water Amendment Bill, 2025, issued under Rules 271 and 276(1)(b) and (c) of the Rules of the National Assembly. This Bill seeks to revise the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), and aims to reinforce regulatory mechanisms to ensure the equitable management, protection, development, and conservation of South Africa's water resources. Published in GG 53490 NN 6728 dated 10 October 2025.

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

3. Notice declares additional land parcels as part of the existing Tankwa Karoo National Park, issued under section 20(1)(a)(ii) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003. This declaration incorporates properties located in the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces, including portions of the farms Olivierskraal and Os Vley Hoogtens. The notice formalises the expansion of the national park to strengthen biodiversity conservation and protected area connectivity. Published in GG 53515 NN 6739 dated 17 October 2025.

Electricity Regulation Act 4 of 2006 ("ERA"):

4. Notice publishes the Integrated Resource Plan 2025, issued under section 4(1) of the Electricity Regulations on New Generation Capacity, read with the Electricity Regulation Act 4 of 2006. This plan outlines South Africa's long-term strategy for electricity generation, incorporating policy objectives for energy security, environmental sustainability, and economic development. It puts forward scenarios for future energy mixes, sets out infrastructure requirements, and proposes a balanced approach to coal decommissioning, gas-to-power development, renewable energy expansion, and nuclear investment. Published in GG 53596 NN 6767 dated 28 October 2025.
5. Notice establishes the Electricity Transmission Infrastructure Regulations, issued under section 35(4) of the Electricity Regulation Act 4 of 2006. These regulations outline procedures for transmission capacity planning, feasibility studies, procurement processes, cross-border infrastructure development, cost recovery mechanisms, and exemptions. They also define roles and responsibilities for buyers, users, procurers, and transmission service providers, and set conditions for deviation from the Integrated Resource Plan and Transmission Development Plan. Published in GG 53605 NN 6778 dated 31 October 2025.

SECTION B: SAFETY, HEALTH & OTHER (NATIONAL)

National Health Act 61 of 2003 ("NHA"):

6. Notice replaces the National Environmental Health Norms and Standards for Premises and Acceptable Monitoring Standards for Environmental Health Practitioners, issued under section 21(2)(b)(ii) of the National Health Act 61 of 2003. These updated standards prescribe service delivery benchmarks for environmental health systems. They also introduce provisions for waste management, water quality control, food safety, and communicable disease prevention. Published in GG 53515 NN 6740 dated 17 October 2025.

Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act ("AARTO"):

7. Notice introduces the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Regulations, 2025, issued under the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Act 46 of 1998. These regulations outline procedures for the adjudication of road traffic infringements, define roles and responsibilities of authorities, and stipulate processes for issuing infringement notices, representations, and appeals. Published in GG 53605 NN 6782 dated 31 October 2025.

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

Standards Act 8 of 2008 ("SA"):

8. Notice introduces the Draft Standards for Public Comment, issued under section 23(2)(a)(ii) of the Standards Act 8 of 2008. These draft standards propose specifications for geosynthetic identification, concrete specimen preparation, soil nail design for slope stabilization, periodic testing of composite gas cylinders, and life cycle management of systems and software. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments on or before 2 December 2025. Published in GG 53460 NN 3538 dated 3 October 2025.
9. Notice puts forth a series of draft standards for public comment, issued under section 23(2)(a)(ii) of the Standards Act 8 of 2008. These draft standards propose technical specifications for PVC-O piping systems, galvanic anodes for seawater protection, competence levels in cathodic protection, periodic testing of gas cylinders, and encoding rules for XML schema definitions. They also introduce standards for biometric APIs, paint composition testing, and reference material preparation. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments on or before 30 December 2025. Published in GG 53605 NN 3580 dated 31 October 2025.

National Water Act 36 of 1998 ("NWA"):

10. Notice announces the Proposal to Construct the Coerney Dam, issued under section 110 of the National Water Act 36 of 1998. This proposal outlines the development of government waterworks to enhance water supply reliability for the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality. The project incorporates biodiversity protection, heritage preservation, and operational efficiency measures, and is classified as Emergency Works to expedite implementation. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments on or before 31 December 2025. Published in GG 53460 NN 6707 dated 3 October 2025.

International Trade Administration Act 71 of 2002 ("ITA"):

11. Notice puts forth a proposal to regulate the export of chrome ore, issued under section 6(1)(d) of the International Trade Administration Act 71 of 2002. The proposed measure aims to strengthen South Africa's chrome value chain by introducing export controls and promoting domestic beneficiation. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments within 4 weeks of publication of this notice. Published in GG 53467 NN 6712 dated 3 October 2025.

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

12. Notice conveys the intention to declare certain properties in the Eastern Cape Province as a new national park named "Grasslands National Park", issued under sections 20(1)(a)(i) and (b), read with sections 31 and 33 of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 53515 NN 6738 dated 17 October 2025.

National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 ("NEMA"):

13. Notice publishes the Draft National Guideline for the Consideration of Climate Change Implications in Applications for Environmental Authorisations, Atmospheric Emission Licenses and Waste Management Licenses, issued under section 24J of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998. This guideline outlines procedures for integrating climate change considerations into environmental licensing processes, including impact assessments, mitigation planning, and adaptation strategies. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 53574 NN 6759 dated 24 October 2025.

Civil Aviation Act 13 of 2009 ("CAA"):

14. Notice proposes amendments to the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011, issued under section 155(1) of the Civil Aviation Act 13 of 2009. These draft amendments outline revisions to regulatory Parts concerning aircraft registration and marking, personnel licensing, remotely piloted aircraft systems, and aerodrome operations. The notice also sets forth updates to associated technical standards, including codes of conduct and

operational procedures. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments on or before 30 November 2025. Published in GG 53605 NN 6781 dated 31 October 2025.

SECTION D: SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL (PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION AND MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS)

Eastern Cape

15. Notice adopts the Environmental Management Plan for Ingquza Hill Local Municipality, issued under the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 and the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000. This plan outlines strategic environmental priorities, land use considerations, and sustainability measures to guide municipal development and conservation efforts. Published in PG 5517 NN 1531 dated 13 October 2025.
16. Notice adopts the Environmental Management Plan for Ingquza Hill Local Municipality, issued under section 12 of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998. This plan puts forth strategic measures for the protection of sensitive environmental features and the sustainable use of ecological resources, including water, air, land, vegetation, and wildlife. It also outlines the legislative framework, stakeholder engagement process, and financial implications for implementation. Published in PG 5517 NN 1532 dated 13 October 2025.
17. Notice proclaims the declaration of the Bergplaas Nature Reserve, issued under section 23(1) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003. This declaration formalises the protection of ecologically significant land in the Eastern Cape, revokes prior defective notices, and confirms the assignment of management authority to Bergplaas Irene Prop (Pty) Ltd. Published in PG 5521 NN 26 dated 24 October 2025.

Gauteng Province

18. Notice announces the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment process and associated licence applications for the proposed Cooke Uranium Project, issued under the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008, the National Water Act 36 of 1998, the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004, and the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002. The project entails reclamation and processing of tailings to extract uranium and gold, and requires multiple authorisations including Environmental Authorisation, Waste Management Licence, Water Use Licence, Atmospheric Emission Licence, and amendment of the Environmental Management Programme. Published in PG 354 NN 730 dated 1 October 2025.
19. Notice approves the Gauteng Provincial Land Transport Framework (PLTF) for the period 2023 to 2027, issued under section 38(1) of the National Land Transport Act 5 of 2009. This framework sets forth strategic transport objectives, outlines land use development trends, identifies key provincial initiatives, and details coordination mechanisms between municipalities and provincial authorities. Published in PG 361 NN 736 dated 8 October 2025.

KwaZulu-Natal Province

20. Notice establishes the Cemeteries and Crematoria By-law for the eDumbe Local Municipality, issued under section 156(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, read with the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000. This by-law outlines procedures for the establishment and management of cemeteries and crematoria, prescribes standards for burial and cremation, regulates memorial work, sets out prohibitions and offences within places of interment, and provides for the handling of destitute persons and private cemeteries. Published in PG 2860 NN 990 dated 30 October 2025.

Mpumalanga Province

21. Notice adopts the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality Spatial Development Framework (SDF) 2024/25, issued under sections 20, 21, and 22 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013, and section 11(2) of the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality Spatial Planning and Land Use By-Law, 2016. This framework updates the 2014–2034 SDF and outlines spatial policies, strategic objectives, and

implementation mechanisms to guide land use and development within the municipality. Published in PG 3862 NN 721 dated 3 October 2025.

North West Province

22. Notice establishes the Air Quality Management By-law for the Madibeng Local Municipality, issued under section 15 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004. This by-law outlines responsibilities for pollution prevention, sets local emission standards, regulates fuel-burning appliances, governs dust and noise emissions, and introduces a permitting system for air pollution-generating activities. Published in PG 8908 NN 733 dated 7 October 2025.

SECTION E: SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL (DRAFT PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION AND MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS)

Eastern Cape Province

23. Notice proposes the declaration of the Apiesrivier Valley Nature Reserve, issued under section 23(1) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003. This proposed nature reserve encompasses twelve properties in the Graaff-Reinet registration division of the Eastern Cape, totalling over 6,000 hectares. The notice designates Apiesrivier Valley Holdings (Pty) Ltd as the management authority and aims to preserve biodiversity and ecological integrity in the region. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 5524 NN 1400 dated 28 October 2025.

Gauteng Province

24. Notice introduces the draft Electricity Supply By-Law for the Midvaal Local Municipality, issued under section 7 of the Rationalisation of Local Government Affairs Act 10 of 1998, read with sections 12, 13, and 21 of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000. This draft by-law outlines provisions for electricity regulation, service delivery standards, enforcement mechanisms, and penalties for non-compliance, aiming to promote sustainable energy access and economic development. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments on or before 29 October 2025. Published in PG 354 NN 1174 dated 1 October 2025.

KwaZulu-Natal Province

25. Notice introduces the Draft Problem Property Policy for the uMngeni Local Municipality, issued under section 156(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, read with the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 and the National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act 103 of 1977. This policy proposes mechanisms for identifying and managing derelict, unsafe, or unlawfully occupied buildings, stipulates duties of property owners, outlines investigation and compliance procedures, and provides for enforcement through fines, civil action, and possible appointment of administrators. Published in PG 2858 NN 21 dated 16 October 2025.

Limpopo Province

26. Notice puts forth the intention to relocate human remains from graves located on the farm Mecklenberg 112 KT near Serafo in the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, issued in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 and the National Health Act 61 of 2003. Interested parties and affected parties are invited to submit written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 3750 NN 1213 dated 31 October 2025.

Mpumalanga Province

27. Notice proposes the declaration of the Telperion Nature Reserve, issued under section 33(1)(a) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003. This declaration aims to safeguard significant natural features and biodiversity, protect areas of scientific, cultural, historical, or archaeological interest, and promote nature-based recreation and tourism. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 3874 NN 687 dated 10 October 2025.

28. Notice announces the public participation process for the proposed Hiryo Plant, issued in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008, the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act of 2004, and the National Water Act 36 of 1998. The proposed development entails a 2200 metric tonnes per day blue ammonia production facility near Kriel, Mpumalanga, which will also produce urea and technical ammonium nitrate. The notice outlines the requirement for environmental authorisation, waste management licensing, air emissions licensing, and water use licensing, and sets forth the infrastructure components, legislative triggers, and EIA obligations. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments on or before 24 November 2025. Published in PG 3884 NN 734 dated 24 October 2025.
29. Notice amends the description of the Umbabat Private Nature Reserve, issued under section 33(1)(a) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003 and section 85A of the Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act 10 of 1998. This amendment revises and consolidates property details originally proclaimed in 1969, 1991, and 1991 again, to accurately reflect the geographic extent of the reserve as currently managed. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 3874 NN 688 dated 10 October 2025.
30. Notice conveys the intention to declare the Three Sisters Nature Reserve, issued under section 33(1)(a) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003. This proposed declaration aims to safeguard an area of ecological significance, preserve biodiversity, and ensure long-term environmental protection and service provision. The reserve encompasses multiple properties in the Nkomazi Local Municipality, as detailed in Schedule 1. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 3875 NN 690 dated 10 October 2025.

North West Province

31. Notice invites nominations for appointment to the North West Parks and Tourism Board, issued under section 7(5) of the North West Parks and Tourism Board Act 2 of 2022. This notice outlines eligibility criteria, nomination procedures. Members of the public are invited to submit written nominations within 21 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 8907 NN 1238 dated 3 October 2025.
32. Notice adopts the Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Spatial Development Framework, issued under section 20(1) of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013. This framework outlines the district's long-term spatial vision, guides land use and infrastructure planning, and provides strategic direction for sustainable development across the municipality. Published in PG 8916 NN 754 dated 28 October 2025.

Western Cape Province

33. Notice introduces the Draft Fire Safety By-law for the Garden Route District Municipality, issued under section 156(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, read with the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 and section 16 of the Fire Brigade Services Act 99 of 1987. This by-law proposes measures for the regulation of veld, mountain, and chemical fires, incorporates provisions from the Community Fire Safety By-law (2002), and outlines responsibilities for building fire protection and related activities. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments on or before 13 November 2025. Published in PG 9149 NN 751 dated 10 October 2025.
34. Notice sets forth the application for provincial approval of the Cape Winelands Airport development, issued under section 53(1)(c) and (2) of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Act 3 of 2014 and Regulation 10(1)(b) of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Regulations, 2015. The proposed development involves the transformation of over 5 hectares of agricultural land near Fisantekraal for airport infrastructure and associated land uses, spanning multiple portions of Farms 474, 724, and 942 in Joostenbergs Kloof and Joostenbergs Vlake. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments on or before 24 November 2025. Published in PG 9152 dated 24 October 2025.

PART TWO: PARLIAMENTARY MONITORING

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BILLS BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2025)

1. Water Services Amendment Bill (B24-2025).
2. Performing Animals Protection Amendment Bill (B12-2025).
3. South African National Water Resources Infrastructure Agency SOC Limited Amendment Bill (B13-2025).
4. Merchant Shipping Bill (B12-2023).
5. Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Occupation of Land Amendment Bill (B6-2023).
6. Marine Oil Pollution (Preparedness, Response and Cooperation) Bill (B10-2022).

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