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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

NATIONAL TREASURY

No. R. 874

15 November 2013

PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT, 1999: AMENDMENT TO TREASURY REGULATIONS

In terms of section 78 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), I, Pravin J Gordhan, the Minister of Finance hereby amend the Treasury Regulations (published under Government Notice R225 of 15 March 2005, as amended), as set out in the Schedule.



Pravin J Gordhan
Minister of Finance

SCHEDULE

The Treasury Regulations (published under Government Notice R225 of 15 March 2005, as amended), is hereby amended by-

(a) the deletion of regulation 13.1.5;

(b) the addition to regulation 15.10.3 of the following paragraphs:

“15.10.3.3 With effect from 15 November 2013, no department or constitutional institution may, subject to regulation 15.10.3.5, obtain a credit or debit card, whether in the name of the institution or any office-bearer or official of the department or constitutional institution.

15.10.3.4 The accounting officer of a department or constitutional institution must, subject to regulation 15.10.3.5, cancel each credit or debit card issued before 1 December 2013 and valid on that date, with effect from-

(a) 1 December 2013; or

(b) if the terms for the credit or debit card require a longer period of notice, with effect from the earliest date in terms of those terms.

15.10.3.5 A department or constitutional institution may retain or obtain-

(a) a credit or debit card lodged with a travel agency for purposes of payment for travel and accommodation related expenses;

(b) one credit or debit card in the name of the department or constitutional institution with approval authority by only one office-bearer or official of the department or constitutional institution for purposes of travel and accommodation related expenses, on-line transactions and petty cash; and

(c) fleet management, petrol and garage cards.

15.10.3.6 The National Treasury may, subject to conditions, exempt a department or constitutional institution, or a category of departments or constitutional institutions, from regulation 15.10.3.3 or 15.10.3.4, if special circumstances justify it.”;

(c) the addition to regulation 31.2 of the following paragraphs:

“31.2.5 With effect from 15 November 2013, no public entity listed in Schedule 2 or 3 to the Act, may, subject to regulation 31.2.7, obtain a credit or debit card, whether in the name of the public entity or any office-bearer or official of the institution.

31.2.6 The accounting authority of a public entity listed in Schedule 2 or 3 to the Act must, subject to regulation 31.2.7, cancel each credit or debit card issued before 1 December 2013 and valid on that date, with effect from-

(a) 1 December 2013; or

(b) if the terms for the credit or debit card require a longer period of notice, with effect from the earliest date in terms of those terms.

31.2.7 A public entity listed in Schedule 2 or 3 to the Act may retain or obtain-

(a) a credit or debit card lodged with a travel agency for purposes of payment for travel and accommodation related expenses;

(b) one credit or debit card in the name of the institution with approval authority by only one office-bearer or official of the public entity for purposes of travel and accommodation related expenses, on-line transactions and petty cash; and

(c) fleet management, petrol and garage cards.

31.2.8 The National Treasury may, subject to conditions, exempt a public entity listed in Schedule 2 or 3 to the Act, or a category of public entities listed in Schedule 2 or 3 to the Act, from regulation 31.2.5 or 31.2.6, if special circumstances justify it.”; and

(d) the deletion of regulation 32.1.2.

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