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SECTION 51 MANUAL

(For Private Bodies)



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PARTICULARS: SECTION 51 MANUAL

1 Introduction:

This Manual is published in terms of Section 51 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act no. 2 of 2000. The Act gives effect to the provisions of Section 32 of the Constitution, which provides for the right of access to information held by the State and to information held by another person that is required for the exercise and / or protection of any right.

The reference to any information in addition to that specifically required in terms of Section 51 of the Act does not create any right or entitlement (contractual or otherwise) to receive such information, other than in terms of the Act.

This manual applies in respect of *Caz Dry Attorneys* (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") with its core business as Attorneys in the Legal sector.

The Information Officer named in section 4 below is duly appointed in respect of the Company

2 Availability of this manual:

A copy of this manual can be made available by sending a request for a copy to the Information Officer by email. The Manual may also be inspected at our offices and the SAHRC at the respective addresses set out below. This manual will be updated from time to time as and when required.

3 How to request access to records held by the Company

Requests for access to records held by the Company must be made on the request forms that are available from the SAHRC website (www.sahrc.org.za) or the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (www.doj.gov.za) (under "regulations").

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Initial.

For the convenience of requestors, copies of such forms are included in the version of this manual available at our offices and on our website. Please note that requestors are also required to make payment of the prescribed fees where applicable.

Requests for access to records must be made to our Information Officer at the address, fax number or electronic mail address provided below.

The requester must provide sufficient detail on the request form to enable the head of the private body to identify the record and the requester. The requester should also indicate which form of access is required. The requester should also indicate if any other manner is to be used to inform the requester and state the necessary particulars to be so informed.

The requester must identify the right that is sought to be exercised or to be protected and provide an explanation of why the requested record is required for the exercise or protection of that right.

If a request is made on behalf of another person, the requester must then submit proof of the capacity in which the requester is making the request to the satisfaction of the head of the private body.

4 Contact details:

Details required in terms of section 51(1)(a):		
Name of Private Body:	Caz Dry Attorneys	
Head of the Body:	Caz Dry	
Email address of the head of the Body:	caz@cdlaw.co.za	
Designated Information Officer:	Caz Dry	
Email address of Information Officer:	caz@cdlaw.co.za	
Postal Address:	P.O. Box 482, White River, 1240	
Street address:	7 Palm Street, White River, 1240	
Phone Number:	013-750 1542	
Facsimile number:	013-751 2706	
Website:	None	

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5 How to access the guide as described in section 10 of the Act:

The Guide will be available from the South African Human Rights Commission. Please direct any queries to:

The South African Human Rights Commission: PAIA Unit

The Research and Documentation Department

Postal address: Private Bag 2700

Houghton, 2041

Telephone: +27 11 484-8300

Fax: +27 11 484-0582

Website: www.sahrc.org.za

E-mail: PAIA@sahrc.org.za

6 Voluntary disclosure:

The Company has not published a notice in terms of Section 52(2) of the Act.

Records available in terms of any other legislation:

Information is retained in terms of the following legislation and is usually available only to the persons or entities specified in such legislation:

- 1. Administration of Estates Act, No. 66 of 1965
- 2. Arbitration Act No. 42 of 1965
- 3. Basic Conditions of Employment No. 75 of 1997
- 4. Companies Act No. 61 of 1973
- 5. Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Health Diseases Act No.130 of 1993
- 6. Consumer Affairs (Unfair Business Practices) Act No. 71 of 1988
- 7. Copyright Act No. 98 of 1978
- 8. Credit Agreements Act No. 75 of 1980
- 9. Currency and Exchanges Act No. 9 of 1933
- 10. Debtor Collectors Act No. 114 of 1998
- 11. Employment Equity Act No. 55 of 1998

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- 12. Finance Act No. 35 of 2000
- 13. Financial Services Board Act No. 97 of 1990
- 14. Financial Relations Act No. 65 of 1976
- 15. Harmful Business Practices Act No. 23 of 1999
- 16. Income Tax Act No. 95 of 1967
- 17. Insolvency Act No. 24 of 1936
- 18. Insurance Act No 27 of 1943
- 19. Intellectual Property Laws Amendments Act No. 38 of 1997
- 20. Labour Relations Act No. 66 of 1995
- 21. Long Term Insurance Act No. 52 of 1998
- 22. Medical Schemes Act No. 131 of 1998
- 23. Occupational Health & Safety Act No. 85 of 1993
- 24. Pension Funds Act No. 24 of 1956
- 25. Post Office Act No. 44 of 1958
- 26. Protection of Businesses Act No. 99 of 1978
- 27. Regional Services Councils Act No. 109 of 1985
- 28. SA Reserve Bank Act No. 90 of 1989
- 29. Short Term Insurance Act No. 53 of 1998
- 30. Skills Development Levies Act No. 9 of 1999
- 31. Skills Development Act No. 97 of 1998
- 32. Stamp Duties Act No. 77 of 1968
- 33. Stock Exchange Control Act No. 1 of 1985
- 34. Tax on Retirement Funds Act No. 38 of 1996
- 35. Trade Marks Act No. 194 of 1993
- 36. Unemployment Contributions Act No. 4 of 2002
- 37. Unemployment Insurance Act No. 63 of 2001
- 38. Usury Act No 73 of 1968
- 39. Value Added Tax Act No. 89 of 1991
- 40. Financial Intelligence Centre Act, no. 38 of 2001
- 41. Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, no. 37 of 2002
- 42. Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act no. 12 of 2004
- 43. Protected Disclosures Act 26 of 2000
- 44. Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013

8 Records held by the Company Generic records:

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8.1 Internal records

- Documents of Incorporation;
- Memorandum and Articles of Association;
- Records relating to the appointment of directors / auditor / secretary / public officer and other officers;
- Share Register and other statutory registers;
- Annual Financial Statements
- Tax Returns
- Accounting Records
- Banking Records, statements, paid cheques, electronic banking records;
- Asset register;
- Rental agreements
- Invoices;
- Third party service level and protection of information/confidentiality agreements.

8.2 Personnel records

These include, but are not limited to the following: Any personal records provided to the company by its personnel;

- Employment contracts
- Disciplinary records
- Salary records
- Leave records
- Training records
 Any records a third party has provided to the Company about any of their personnel; conditions of employment and other personnel-related contractual and quasi-legal records; internal evaluation records and

other related internal records and correspondence.

8.3 Other records:

- PAYE records;
- Documents issued to employees for income tax purposes;

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- Records of payments made to SARS on behalf of employees;
- All other statutory compliances:
 - VAT;
 - Regional Services Levies;
 - Skills Development Levies;
 - UIF.

Other parties:

The Company may possess records pertaining to other parties, including without limitation, contractors, suppliers, subsidiary/holding companies, joint venture companies and service providers.

Alternatively, such other parties may possess records which can be said to belong to the Company.

The following records fall under this category:

- Personnel, client or Company records which are held by another party as opposed to being held by the Company;
- Records held by the Company pertaining to other parties, including without limitation financial records, correspondence contractual records, records provided by the other party and
- Records third parties have provided about the contractors/suppliers.

Client related records:

A client includes any natural or juristic entity who receives services from the Company.

Client-related information includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Any records a client has provided to a third party acting for or on behalf of the Company;
- Any records a third party has provided to the Company;
- Records generated by or within the Company pertaining to the client, including transactional records.

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Operational records:

This includes, but is not limited to the following:

Operational records;

- Databases;
- Information technology;
- Marketing records;
- Internal correspondence;
- Product records.

9 Fees:

A requester who seeks access to a record containing personal information about that requester is not required to pay the request fee. Every other requester, who is not a personal requester, must pay the required request fee:

- The head of the private body must notify the requester (other than a personal requester) by notice, requiring the requester to pay the prescribed fee (if any) before further processing the request;
- The fee that the requester must pay to a private body is R50. The requester may lodge an application to the court against the tender or payment of the request fee;
- After the head of the private body has made a decision on the request, the requester must be notified in the required form;
- If the request is granted then a further access fee must be paid for the search, reproduction, preparation and for any time that has exceeded the prescribed hours to search and prepare the record for disclosure.

The standard form that must be used for the making of requests is attached as Annexure 2 to this manual. Not using this form could cause your request to be refused (if you do not provide sufficient information or otherwise) or delayed.

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The list detailing the prescribed fees payable to the Company in respect of requests and the fees in respect of access to records (if the request is granted) is also attached as Annexure3 to this manual.

Please note:-

The above annexures are included only in copies of this Manual available on the website and at the offices of the Company, but need not and are not included in the copy of this Manual delivered to the SAHRC.

Kindly also note that all requests to the Company will only be considered in accordance with the Act and on no other basis. Publication of this Manual and describing the categories and subject matter of information held by the Company does not give rise to any rights (in contract or otherwise) to access such information or records except in strict terms of the Act.

10 Other information as may be prescribed [Sec 51(1)(f)]:

The Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development has not made any regulations in this regard.

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Annexure 1

Definitions:

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them hereunder, namely –

- "Act" means the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Act 2 of 2000, as amended from time to time;
- "Information Officer" means the person acting on behalf of the Company and discharging the duties and responsibilities assigned to the "head" of the Company by the Act; The Information Officer is duly authorised to act as such and such authorisation has been confirmed by the "head" of the Company in writing;
- "Manual" means this manual published in compliance with Section 51 of the Act:
- "Personnel" means any person who works for or provides services to or on behalf of the Company and receives or is entitled to receive any remuneration. This includes, without limitation, directors (both executive and non-executive), all permanent, temporary and part-time staff as well as contract workers;
- "Record" means any recorded information, regardless of form or medium, which is in the possession or under the control of the Company, irrespective of whether it was created by the Company;
- > "Request" means a request for access to a record of the Company;
- "Requestor" means any person, including a public body or an official thereof, making a request for access to a record of the Company and includes any person acting on behalf of that person;
- > "SAHRC" means the South African Human Rights Commission.

Unless a contrary intention clearly appears, words signifying:-

- The singular includes te plural and vice versa;
- Any one gender includes the other genders and vice versa; and
- Natural persons include juristic persons.

Terms defined in the Act shall have the same meaning in this Manual

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IMPORTANT

Information

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Dear Valued Customers,

Government Printing Works has implemented rules for completing and submitting the electronic Adobe Forms when you, the customer, submits your notice request.

Please take note of these guidelines when completing your form.

GPW Business Rules

- No hand written notices will be accepted for processing, this includes Adobe forms which have been completed by hand.
- 2. Notices can only be submitted in Adobe electronic form format to the email submission address submit.egazette@gpw.gov.za. This means that any notice submissions not on an Adobe electronic form that are submitted to this mailbox will be rejected. National or Provincial gazette notices, where the Z95 or Z95Prov must be an Adobe form but the notice content (body) will be an attachment.
- 3. Notices brought into GPW by "walk-in" customers on electronic media can only be submitted in Adobe electronic form format. This means that any notice submissions not on an Adobe electronic form that are submitted by the customer on electronic media will be <u>rejected</u>. National or Provincial gazette notices, where the Z95 or Z95Prov must be an Adobe form but the notice content (body) will be an attachment.
- 4. All customers who walk in to GPW that wish to submit a notice that is not on an electronic Adobe form will be routed to the Contact Centre where the customer will be taken through the completion of the form by a GPW representative. Where a customer walks into GPW with a stack of hard copy notices delivered by a messenger on behalf of a newspaper the messenger must be referred back to the sender as the submission does not adhere to the submission rules.
- 5. All notice submissions that do not comply with point 2 will be charged full price for the notice submission.
- 6. The current cut-off of all Gazette's remains unchanged for all channels. (Refer to the GPW website for submission deadlines www.gpwonline.co.za)
- 7. Incorrectly completed forms and notices submitted in the wrong format will be rejected to the customer to be corrected and resubmitted. Assistance will be available through the Contact Centre should help be required when completing the forms. (012-748 6200 or email info.egazette@gpw.gov.za)
- 8. All re-submissions by customers will be subject to the above cut-off times.
- 9. All submissions and re-submissions that miss the cut-off will be rejected to the customer to be submitted with a new publication date.
- 10. Information on forms will be taken as the primary source of the notice to be published. Any instructions that are on the email body or covering letter that contradicts the notice form content will be ignored.

You are therefore advised that effective from **Monday**, **18 May 2015** should you not comply with our new rules of engagement, all notice requests will be rejected by our new system.

Furthermore, the fax number **012-748 6030** will also be <u>discontinued</u> from this date and customers will only be able to submit notice requests through the email address <u>submit.egazette@gpw.gov.za</u>.







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