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**GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS****DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008  
(ACT NO. 59 OF 2008)****PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL WASTE INFORMATION REGULATIONS, 2012**

I, Bomo Edna Edith Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs, hereby give a notice of my intention to make amendments to the National Waste Information Regulations, 2012, under section 69(1)(t), (y), (aa) and (ee) read with section 73 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008), set out in the Schedule hereto.

Members of the public are invited to submit written representations on or objections to the proposed amendments to the Minister, within 30 days after the publication of this Notice.

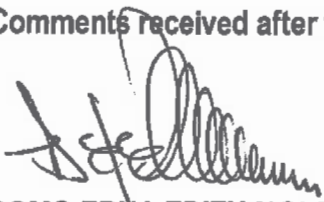
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MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

## SCHEDULE

### GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

[ ] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from the existing enactments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

### Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the National Waste Information Regulations, 2012, published under the Government Notice No. R. 625 in Government Gazette No. 35583 of 13 August 2012.

### Amendment of regulation 1 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended —

(a) by the deletion of the definition of “**these Regulations**”; and

(b) by the insertion after the definition of “**The Act**” of the following definitions:

“**Transporter of waste for gain**” means a person who is in the business of transporting waste and receives an income for provision of such services, including waste that is transported as an ancillary activity to primary business activities, excluding when the transportation is done by a municipality; and

“**Vehicle registration certificate**” means a certificate issued by the Department for a vehicle registered on the South African Waste Information System which is used to transport waste for gain;”.

### Amendment of regulation 3 of the Regulations

3. Regulation 3 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following subregulation:

“(4) These regulations do not apply to residue stockpiles or residue deposits.”

### Amendment of regulation 4 of the Regulations

4. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following subregulation:

“(2) Information held in the SAWIS about registered person may only be accessed by other registered persons.”

### Amendment of regulation 5 of the Regulations

5. Regulation 5 of the Regulations is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for subregulation (3) of the following subregulation:

“(3) Where a person referred to in subregulation (1) [(a)] conducts more than one activity in different facilities or in the same facility, such activities must be registered individually; and

(b) by the addition of the following subregulations:

“(5) A person registered as a transporter of waste for gain must within 30 days from the date of registration contemplated in subregulation (2), add the details of the vehicle used for transportation of waste for gain on the SAWIS, in order to receive a vehicle registration certificate.

“(6) The vehicle registration certificate issued in terms of regulation 5(4) is valid for a period of three years from the date of issue of registration certificate.

“(7) Industry associations, are required to report and register their members in terms of Regulation 8 on the SAWIS. Such registration must include a detail list of its members.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 6 of the Regulations**

6. Regulation 6 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of sub regulation (1) of the following subparagraph:

“(iii) waste management method [or], waste transporter or hazardous waste generator; and”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 7 of the Regulations**

7. Regulation 7 of the Regulations is hereby amended —

(a) by the substitution for subregulation (5) of the following subregulation:

“(5) If a person intends to recommence with an activity for which the registration was withdrawn, the person must comply with the legal requirements as set out in [regulation 6] regulation 5”; and

(b) by the addition of the following subregulation:

“(6) Any person registered as a transporter of waste for gain must within 30 days of any change occurring, update such change on the SAWIS, which includes—

(i) the addition of a vehicle registration;

(ii) the removal of a vehicle registration; or

(iii) the renewal of the vehicle registration certificate.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 8 of the Regulations**

8. Regulation 8 of the Regulations is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for subregulations (1), (2), (3) and (9) of the following subregulations:

“(1) the submission of information to the SAWIS commence ninety (90) days after the end of registration period contemplated in regulation [6(1)] 5(1).

(2) A registered person conducting an activity listed in Annexure 1 must submit quarterly information as prescribed in Annexure 2, within [sixty (60)] (30) days of the end of a reporting period.

(3) Subregulations (1) and (2) does not apply to the registered generators of hazardous waste or registered transporters of waste for gain.

(9) If a registered person is not able to submit the required information to the SAWIS, a registered person must submit the required information to the Department by facsimile, post, email or hand delivery within [sixty (60)] (30) days of the end of a reporting period.”; and

(b) by the addition of the following subregulation:

“(10) Industry associations must submit annual information within (60) days from the end of a calendar year.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 12 of the Regulations**

9. Regulation 12 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraphs (a) and (b) of subregulation (1) of the following paragraphs:

“(a) provides incorrect or misleading information to the SAWIS [;] or Department; or

(b) fails to comply with regulation 4(1); 5 (1), (2), (3), (4); (6), 6(2), 7(1), (2), (3), (5), (6), 8(1), (2), (4), (5), (8), (9), (10) [and] or 9.”

### **Transitional provisions in respect of an activity listed in Annexure 1**

10. Any person who conducts an activity listed in paragraphs (b), (c), (f), (g) or (l) of Annexure 1 is required to apply to register in terms of regulation 5 of these Regulations, within 90 days after the promulgation of these Regulations. All other registrations issued for transportation of waste in terms of Section 25 of the Waste Act will lapse after 90 days.

### **Substitution of Annexure 1 of the Regulations**

11. Annexure 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for Annexure 1 of the following Annexure:

#### **“ANNEXURE 1**

#### **LIST OF PERSONS CONDUCTING THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES MUST REGISTER ON THE SAWIS IN TERMS OF REGULATION 5**

##### **Generators of waste**

(a) Generators of hazardous waste in excess of 20kg per day, calculated monthly as a daily average.

##### **Recovery or recycling of waste**

(b) Recovery of energy from general waste in excess of three tons per day, calculated monthly as a daily average.

(c) Recovery of waste at a facility that has the capacity to process in excess of 10 tons of general waste or in excess of 100kg of hazardous waste per day, excluding recovery that takes place as an integral part of an internal manufacturing process within the same premises.

- (d) The scrapping or recovery of motor vehicles at a facility that has an operational area in excess of 500m<sup>2</sup>.
- (e) Recycling of general waste at a facility that has an operational area in excess of 500m<sup>2</sup>.
- (f) Recycling of hazardous waste in excess of 100kg per day calculated as a monthly average.

#### **Treatment of waste**

- (g) Treatment of waste using any form of treatment at a facility that has the capacity to process in excess of 10 tons of general waste or 100kg of hazardous waste per day excluding the treatment of effluent, wastewater or sewerage.
- (h) Treatment of health care risk waste regardless of size or capacity of the facility.

#### **Disposal of waste**

- (i) Disposal of general waste to land covering an area in excess of 200m<sup>2</sup>.
- (j) Disposal of any quantity of hazardous waste to land.

#### **Exportation of hazardous waste**

- (k) Hazardous waste exported from the Republic of South Africa.

#### **Transportation of waste**

- (l) Transportation of waste for gain, excluding when the transportation is done by a municipality.

#### **Substitution of Annexure 2 of the Regulations**

12. Annexure 2 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution of Annexure 1 for the following Annexure:

#### **“ANNEXURE 2**

#### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF REGULATION 8**

The required quarterly information for reporting to the SAWIS, read with the Annexure 1 of these Regulations must include—

- (a) The month and year to which the information applies;
- (b) Categories of waste as detailed in Annexes 3 and 4;
- (c) Source from which waste comes; and
- (d) The quantity of waste reported in tons.”.



### Substitution of Annexure 3 of the Regulations

Annexure 3 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for Annexure 3 of the following Annexure:

#### "ANNEXURE 3

#### GENERAL WASTE TYPES FOR REPORTING TO THE SAWIS

| LEVEL<br>1    | LEVEL 2 - Major Waste Type |  | LEVEL 3 - Specific Waste Type |  |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
|               | No                         | Name   | No                            | Name   |
| GENERAL WASTE | GW 01                      | Municipal waste  | 01                            |  |
|               | GW10                       | Commercial and industrial waste  | 01                            |  |
|               | GW13                       | Brine  | 01                            |  |
|               | GW14                       | Fly ash and dust from miscellaneous filter sources   | 01                            |  |
|               | GW15                       | Bottom ash   | 01                            |  |
|               | GW16                       | Slag   | 01                            | Ferrous metal slag   |
|               |                            |  | 02                            | Non-ferrous metal slag   |
|               |                            |  | 03                            | Other  |
|               | GW 17                      | Mineral waste  | 01                            | Foundry sand   |
|               |                            |  | 02                            | Refractory waste   |
|               |                            |  | 03                            | Other  |
|               | GW 18                      | Waste of Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) from which hazardous components/substances have been removed | 01                            | Large Household Appliances   |
|               |                            |  | 02                            | Small Household Appliances   |
|               |                            |  | 03                            | Office, information & Communication Equipment  |
|               |                            |  | 04                            | Entertainment & Consumer Electronics and toys, leisure, sports & recreational equipment and automatic issuing machines |
|               |                            |  | 05                            | Lighting equipment   |
|               |                            |  | 06                            | Electric and Electronic tools  |
|               |                            |  | 07                            | Security & health care equipment   |
|               |                            |  | 08                            | Mixed WEEE   |
|               | GW 20                      | Organic waste  | 01                            | Garden waste   |
|               |                            |  | 02                            | Food waste   |
|               |                            |  | 03                            | Wood waste   |
|               | GW30                       | Construction and demolition waste  | 01                            |  |
| GW50          | Paper                      | 01   | Newsprint and magazines       |  |
|               |                            | 02   | Brown grades                  |  |
|               |                            | 03   | White grades                  |  |
|               |                            | 04   | Mixed grades                  |  |

|      |         |    |                                  |
|------|---------|----|----------------------------------|
| GW51 | Plastic | 01 | Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) |
|      |         | 02 | High-density Polyethylene (HDPE) |
|      |         | 03 | Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)         |
|      |         | 04 | Low-density polyethylene (LPDE)  |
|      |         | 05 | Polypropylene (PP)               |
|      |         | 06 | Polystyrene (PS)                 |
|      |         | 07 | Other                            |
| GW52 | Glass   | 01 |                                  |
| GW53 | Metals  | 01 | Ferrous metal                    |
|      |         | 02 | Non-ferrous metal                |
| GW54 | Tyres   | 01 |                                  |
| GW99 | Other   | 01 |                                  |

### Substitution of Annexure 4 of the Regulations

13. Annexure 4 is hereby amended by the substitution for Annexure 4 of the following Annexure:

#### "ANNEXURE 4

#### HAZARDOUS WASTE TYPES FOR REPORTING TO THE SAWIS

| LEVEL 1         | LEVEL 2 - Major Waste Type |                          | LEVEL 3 - Specific Waste Type |  |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|                 | No                         | Name                     | No                            | Name                                   |
| HAZARDOUS WASTE | HW 01                      | Gaseous waste            | 01                            | Gases (excluding Greenhouse gases)     |
|                 |                            |                          | 02                            | Obsolete ozone depleting gases         |
|                 | HW 02                      | Mercury containing waste | 01                            | Liquid waste containing mercury        |
|                 |                            |                          | 02                            | Solid waste containing mercury         |
|                 | HW 03                      | Batteries                | 01                            | Lead Batteries                         |
|                 |                            |                          | 02                            | Mercury batteries                      |
|                 |                            |                          | 03                            | Ni/Cd batteries                        |
|                 |                            |                          | 04                            | Manganese dioxide and alkali batteries |
|                 |                            |                          | 05                            | Lithium & Lithium ion batteries        |
|                 |                            |                          | 06                            | Nickel-metal hydride batteries         |
|                 |                            |                          | 07                            | Mixed batteries                        |
|                 | HW 04                      | POP Waste                | 01                            | PCB containing waste (>50mg/kg)        |

|       |   |    |   |
|-------|---|----|---|
|       |   | 02 | Other POP-containing waste                            |
| HW 05 | Inorganic waste   | 01 | Liquid and sludge inorganic waste                     |
|       |   | 02 | Solid inorganic waste                                 |
|       |   | 03 | Spent pot lining (inorganic)                          |
|       |   |    |   |
| HW 06 | Asbestos containing waste                               | 01 | Asbestos containing waste                             |
| HW 07 | Waste Oils  | 01 | Waste oil   |
| HW 08 | Organic halogenated and /or sulphur containing solvents | 01 | Solvents containing halogens and/or sulphur           |
| HW 09 | Organic halogenated and/or sulphur containing waste     | 01 | Liquids and sludge containing halogens and/or sulphur |
|       |   | 02 | Solids containing halogens and/or sulphur             |
| HW 10 | Organic solvents without halogens and sulphur           | 01 | Solvents without halogens and sulphur                 |
| HW 11 | Other organic waste without halogen or sulphur          | 01 | Liquid and sludge organic waste                       |
|       |   | 02 | Solid organic waste                                   |
|       |   | 03 | Spent pot lining (organic)                            |
| HW 12 | Tarry and Bituminous waste                              | 01 | Tarry waste   |
|       |   | 02 | Bituminous waste                                      |
| HW 13 | Brine   | 01 | Brine   |
| HW 14 | Fly ash and dust from miscellaneous filter sources      | 01 | Fly ash   |
| HW 15 | Bottom ash  | 01 | Bottom ash  |
| HW 16 | Slag  | 01 | Ferrous metal slag                                    |
|       |   | 02 | Non-ferrous metal slag                                |
|       |   | 03 | Other   |
| HW 17 | Mineral waste   | 01 | Foundry sand  |
|       |   | 02 | Refractory waste                                      |
|       |   | 03 | Other   |
| HW 18 | Waste of Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)       | 01 | Large Household Appliances                            |
|       |   | 02 | Small Household Appliances                            |

|  |       |                        |    |  |
|--|-------|------------------------|----|--|
|  |       |                        | 03 | Office, information & Communication Equipment  |
|  |       |                        | 04 | Entertainment & Consumer Electronics and toys, leisure, sports & recreational equipment and automatic issuing machines |
|  |       |                        | 05 | Lighting equipment   |
|  |       |                        | 06 | Electric and Electronic tools  |
|  |       |                        | 07 | Security & health care equipment   |
|  |       |                        | 08 | Mixed WEEE   |
|  | HW 19 | Health Care Risk Waste | 01 | Pathological waste   |
|  |       |                        | 02 | Infectious waste and sharps  |
|  |       |                        | 03 | Chemical waste   |
|  |       |                        | 04 | Mixed HCRW   |
|  | HW 99 | Miscellaneous          | 01 | Miscellaneous  |

For mixtures, report under the waste type which represents the largest fraction of the waste under consideration. Report under a specific waste type e.g. mercury battery would be reported under mercury battery and not mercury containing waste.”.

#### Substitution of Annexure 5 of the Regulations

14. Annexure 5 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for Annexure 5 of the following Annexure:

#### “ANNEXURE 5

#### WASTE MANAGEMENT METHODS:

#### LIST OF RECYCLING, RECOVERY, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL (R, R, T & D) CODES FOR CATEGORIZATION

| Code  | Description  |
|---|--|
| <b>RECYCLING AND RECOVERY</b>                                 |  |
| R1  | Direct recovery of energy from waste                                       |
| R2  | Direct recovery of raw material from waste                                 |
| R3  | Regeneration or rejuvenation of waste (solvents, carbons, acids & alkalis) |
| R4  | Recycling of organic substances  |
| R5  | Recycling of metals and metal compounds                                    |
| R6  | Recycling of other inorganic materials                                     |
| <b>Treatment (treatment not for the purposes of disposal)</b> |  |

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| T1              | Biological treatment (e.g. biodegradation, composting, biogas generation)  |
| T2              | Physical treatment   |
| T3              | Chemical treatment   |
| T4              | Thermal treatment (incineration, pyrolysis, etc.)  |
| <b>Disposal</b> |  |
| D1              | Disposal of waste to land (e.g. specially engineered landfill)   |
| D2              | Disposal of waste to landfill (e.g. non-engineered landfill)   |
| D3              | Storage/disposal of waste in surface impoundments (e.g. placement of liquid or sludge discards into pits, ponds, lagoons etc.) |
| D4              | Permanent storage (stabilization, micro-encapsulation, macro-encapsulation)  |





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