



Dear Subscribers,

The Legal Team has noted that our Gazettes and Newsflashes, while necessary, can be quite bulky.

To make it easier for our clients to digest key developments, we have prepared the below high-level overview.

The full, detailed analysis remains available on our website should you wish to explore any item in more depth.

AGRICULTURE



ANIMAL IMPROVEMENT ACT – REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

WHAT CHANGED:

Revised application, registration, renewal, inspection, appeal, and import/export **fees** for animal breeding and genetic material activities

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Commercial breeders, stud associations, genetic material centres, veterinarians, import/export agents.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Take note of new fees when applying, renewing, or importing/exporting.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION ACT – REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

WHAT CHANGED:

Updated fees relating to the identification and registration of animals.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Animal owners, traders, transporters, inspectors, abattoirs, exporters.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Budget for and apply updated fee structure.

FERTILIZER, FARM FEEDS, AGRICULTURAL REMEDIES AND STOCK REMEDIES ACT**WHAT CHANGED:**

Invitation for **public comment** on proposed restricted-use derogations for certain agricultural remedies.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Manufacturers, importers, distributors, large-scale agricultural operators.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Submit comments by **12 April 2026** if impacted.

ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION**PREVENTION AND COMBATING OF CORRUPT ACTIVITIES AMENDMENT BILL (DRAFT)****WHAT CHANGED:**

Proposes **mandatory minimum prison sentences** for corruption and lowers the **mandatory reporting threshold** from R100,000 to R30,000.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Public and private companies, directors, accounting officers, compliance and finance personnel.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Review internal reporting systems and **submit comments** by **12 April 2026**.

CONSTRUCTION & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**ENGINEERING PROFESSION ACT – IDENTIFICATION OF ENGINEERING WORK RULES****WHAT CHANGED:**

Defines **who may lawfully perform specific engineering work**, linking work scope to registration category.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Engineers, consulting firms, SOEs, municipalities, developers, universities.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Confirm correct **ECSA registration**, stop unauthorised work, use transition processes where needed.

ENGINEERING PROFESSION ACT – VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION RULES**WHAT CHANGED:**

Stricter governance, membership, registration, and CPD requirements for **ECSA-recognised Voluntary Associations**.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Engineering associations (existing and new).

ACTION REQUIRED:

Conduct an **immediate compliance gaps review**.

PLANNING PROFESSION ACT – GUIDELINE PROFESSIONAL FEES (DRAFT)**WHAT CHANGED:**

Proposed professional fee guidelines published for comment.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Registered planners and planning practices.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Submit comments if impacted.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT – ICASA FEE INCREASES****WHAT CHANGED:**

3.2% CPI-linked increase in **type approval, service licence, spectrum, and postal fees**, effective 1 April 2026.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Telecoms operators, utilities, mining companies, broadcasters, equipment importers.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Budget for **increased regulatory fees**.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT – NETWORK DEPLOYMENT POLICY DIRECTION (DRAFT)

WHAT CHANGED:

Policy direction to accelerate **broadband deployment**, infrastructure sharing, and access to public/private land.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Network operators, municipalities, landowners, infrastructure owners.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Submit comments by **12 April 2026** if relevant.

ENERGY & PETROLEUM



PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ACT – REGULATED BIOFUELS PRICE

WHAT CHANGED:

Introduces a **regulated transfer price** for bio-ethanol and biodiesel with **monthly adjustments**.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Licensed biofuel manufacturers, petroleum manufacturers, blending facilities.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Apply regulated pricing, ensure **correct licensing**, track monthly price updates.

ENVIRONMENTAL



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT – DECLARATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES

WHAT CHANGED:

Administrative alignment of environmental enforcement powers within DFFE.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Permit holders, regulated environmental sectors.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Ensure ongoing **permit compliance** (no new obligations).

AIR QUALITY ACT – EXPANSION OF VAAL TRIANGLE AIR-SHED PRIORITY AREA

WHAT CHANGED:

Expands priority area to include **West Rand** and remaining parts of **Johannesburg**.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Facilities with Atmospheric Emission Licences (AELs) in expanded areas.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Confirm location, review AEL compliance, expect enhanced oversight.

WASTE ACT – NATIONAL WASTE EXEMPTION REGULATIONS (DRAFT)

WHAT CHANGED:

Framework for **conditional exemptions** from waste licensing for low-risk activities.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Waste generators, recyclers, transporters, municipalities.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Assess eligibility and **submit comments** by **10 April 2026**.

HEALTH & SAFETY



HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES ACT – EXTENSION OF COMPLIANCE DEADLINE

WHAT CHANGED:

18-month extension for **hazardous substances declaration requirements**.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Manufacturers, importers, distributors, users of Group I and II substances.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Use extension period to **prepare for future compliance**.

LEGAL



LEGAL PRACTICE ACT – RULES AMENDMENT

WHAT CHANGED:

Allows **minor disciplinary matters** to be resolved faster with lighter sanctions.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Attorneys, advocates, candidate legal practitioners, law firms.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Take note of revised disciplinary procedures.

MEDICAL



COIDA – ANNUAL MEDICAL TARIFF INCREASES

WHAT CHANGED:

Annual increases to tariffs for **optometry, dental, hospitals, therapy, wound care, prosthetics**, etc.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Medical service providers and administrators claiming from the Compensation Fund.

ACTION REQUIRED

Apply **updated tariffs** for 2026/2027.

TRANSPORT



NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT – LIMPOPO MOTOR VEHICLE LICENCE FEES

WHAT CHANGED:

Updated **2026/2027 motor vehicle licence fees** for Limpopo Province.

WHO IS AFFECTED:

Fleet owners, logistics companies, leasing firms, public entities with Limpopo-registered vehicles.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Budget for and pay **revised licence fees** at renewal.

In Summary

This period introduced **important fee changes, new compliance frameworks, expanded regulatory oversight, and several opportunities to comment on proposed reforms.**

Clients are encouraged to **review the full Gazettes and Newsflash** on our website for detailed guidance on any item relevant to their operations.