

GAZETTE WATCH

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Dear Subscribers,

Please find attached our Gazette Watch for the period 19 – 25 June 2026, summarising government gazette notices published over the past fortnight.

This edition spans nine thematic areas — including:

1. Labour Relations,
2. Customs & Excise,
3. Agriculture & Food,
4. Health & Medicines,
5. Environment,
6. Transport,
7. Tax Administration, and
8. Broadcasting & Communications — and
9. Miscellaneous

flags all open comment windows for the period.

Please note that this is a broad, high-level summary covering the full regulatory landscape. Not all items will be applicable to your organisation specifically — we encourage you to review the attached with your sector in mind and focus on the areas most relevant to your operations.

We will follow up next week with a more detailed unpack of selected items we consider significant across a number of sectors, including the

- Agricultural Product Standards developments (Canola regulations and the proposed registration of production methods as a Management Control) and the
- National Environmental Management notices relating to West Coast Protected Areas and the Waste Tyre Industry Advisory Committee.

In the meantime, please diarise any comment deadlines that apply to you, and do not hesitate to get in touch if a particular item requires urgent attention or if you would like us to assess its impact on your organisation before our next communication.

The Legal Team

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1. LABOUR RELATIONS

Trade Union Deregistration Notices

TRADE UNIONS	SUMMARY
LAW	Labour Relations Act
Resources	GoN 7615 (National Insourced Workers Union – NIWU) & GoN 7616 (University of Pretoria Workers' Organisation – UPWO), Dept of Employment & Labour, G 54891 RG 12010, published 22 June 2026. Source: View NIWU notice on gov.za View UPWO notice on gov.za
Status	Intent to cancel registration published; comments invited.
Commenced and Effective Date	Published: 22 June 2026. Comment by: 20 August 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: The Registrar of Labour Relations has published notice of intent to cancel the registration of two trade unions — NIWU and UPWO — under the Labour Relations Act, on grounds of non-compliance with registration requirements. Implication: Affected unions face loss of registered status (and the collective bargaining rights that flow from it) if the cancellation proceeds. Members and employers party to recognition or bargaining arrangements with these unions should monitor outcomes.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: NIWU and UPWO, their members, and employers who have recognition agreements or are party to collective agreements with either union. Interested parties (including rival unions or affected employers) may lodge representations by 20 August 2026 . HR and labour-relations teams should flag the potential change in bargaining status for workforce-planning purposes.

2. CUSTOMS & EXCISE

Customs and Excise Act – Rule Amendments & Provisional Payment

CUSTOMS & EXCISE	SUMMARY
LAW	Customs and Excise Act
Resources	GoN 7604 (Amendment to Rules – DAR274), GoN 7606 (Provisional Payment PP/180 & Schedule 3 amendment No. 3/1/761), GoN 7607 (Amendment of rules), G 54854 RG 12009, SARS, all published 19 June 2026. Source: DAR274 on gov.za PP/180 on gov.za Rules amendment on gov.za
Status	Rule amendments and provisional payment determination published.
Commenced and Effective Date	Published: 19 June 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: A cluster of Customs and Excise Act notices covering: (i) rule amendments under DAR274; (ii) a provisional payment (PP/180) imposition; and (iii) an amendment to Part 1 of Schedule No. 3. Implication: Importers and exporters must account for updated rules and any provisional payment obligations. Schedule 3 amendments affect anti-dumping, countervailing, and safeguard duty rebates and should be checked against affected tariff headings.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: Importers, exporters, customs agents and trade-compliance teams. Pull the full notices to identify which tariff lines and procedures are affected; update customs-management systems and ensure provisional payment PP/180 is correctly coded and remitted.

3. AGRICULTURE & FOOD

Agricultural Product Standards – Canola Regulations & Production Methods

AGRICULTURE	SUMMARY
LAW	Agricultural Product Standards Act
Resources	GoN 7603 (Canola grading, packing and marking regulations), G 54854 RG 12009; GoN 7597 (Intention to register methods of production as a Management Control), G 54853 — both Dept of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development, published 19 June 2026. Source: Canola regulations on gov.za Methods of production on gov.za
Status	• Canola regulations published (GoN 7603); • intention notice for production methods published for comment (GoN 7597).
Commenced and Effective Date	GoN 7603 published: 19 June 2026. GoN 7597 — Comment by: 30 July 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: GoN 7603 sets the grading, packing and marking rules for canola under the Agricultural Product Standards Act. GoN 7597 signals the intention to formally register specific methods of production as a Management Control under the Act. Implication: Canola producers, traders, and exporters must comply with the new grading and marking standards. The methods-of-production proposal could introduce mandatory management controls for certain agricultural processes — the comment window is the time to engage.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: Canola producers, packers, traders and exporters (GoN 7603 — immediate compliance); agri-processors, farming operations and food-safety teams in affected commodity sectors (GoN 7597 — lodge comments by 30 July 2026). Update product labelling and grading protocols for canola and watch for the finalised methods-of-production register.

4. HEALTH & MEDICINES

Medicines and Related Substances – Pricing, Dispensing Fees & Schedule Exclusions

MEDICINES	SUMMARY
LAW	Medicines and Related Substances Act
Resources	GoN 7599 (Transparent pricing regulations amendment), GoN 7600 (Dispensing fee amendment), GoN 7601 (Exclusion of Schedule 0 and complementary medicines from ss 22G & 18A), G 54853, Dept of Health, all published 19 June 2026. Source: Pricing regulations on gov.za Dispensing fee on gov.za Schedule 0 exclusion on gov.za
Status	All three amendments published.
Commenced and Effective Date	Published: 19 June 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: Three amendments to secondary legislation under the Medicines Act: (i) updated transparent-pricing regulations governing single exit price calculations; (ii) revised dispensing fees chargeable by licensed dispensers; (iii) formal exclusion of Schedule 0 (OTC) and complementary medicines from the licensing requirements of ss 22G and 18A of the Act. Implication: Immediate effect on medicine pricing (SEP), dispensing margins, and the licensing burden for complementary and OTC medicine sellers.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: Pharmaceutical manufacturers, wholesalers, pharmacies and licensed dispensers; complementary medicine suppliers and health product retailers. Update SEP calculations and dispensing-fee schedules; complementary/OTC medicine businesses should confirm whether the exclusion from ss 22G and 18A removes applicable licensing obligations and update compliance records accordingly.

Pharmacy Act – Council Fees

PHARMACY	SUMMARY
LAW	Pharmacy Act
Resources	BN 943, South African Pharmacy Council (Pharmacy Act), G 54876, published 19 June 2026. Source: View notice on gov.za
Status	Fee determination published.
Commenced and Effective Date	Published: 19 June 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: Publishes the fees payable to the South African Pharmacy Council under the Pharmacy Act. Implication: Pharmacists, pharmacies and pharmacy students face updated registration and annual fee obligations payable to the SAPC.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: Registered pharmacists, pharmacy owners and pharmacy interns. Update accounts-payable/HR systems with the new SAPC fee schedule and ensure timely payment to maintain registration in good standing.

National Health Act – Board Nominations

HEALTH GOVERNANCE	SUMMARY
LAW	National Health Act
Resources	GoN 7612, Dept of Health, G 54863, published 18 June 2026. Source: View notice on gov.za
Status	Invitation to nominate; comments invited.
Commenced and Effective Date	Published: 18 June 2026. Comment by: 26 June 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: Invitation to nominate members of a National Health structure constituted under the National Health Act. Implication: Governance and appointment opportunity in the public-health sector.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: Eligible candidates and nominating bodies in the health sector. Note the very short window — submit nominations by 26 June 2026 as stated in the full notice.

5. ENVIRONMENT

National Environmental Management – Protected Areas & Waste Tyre Committee

ENVIRONMENT	SUMMARY
LAW	National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act; National Environmental Management: Waste Act
Resources	GoN 7558 (Protected Areas Management Notice: West Coast Region), G 54783, published 5 June 2026 (comment deadline this period); GeN 3981 (Withdrawal of Industry Advisory Committee notice – Waste Tyre Regulations), G 54875, published 19 June 2026. Source: Protected Areas on gov.za Waste Tyre withdrawal on gov.za
Status	Protected Areas notice open for comment; Waste Tyre advisory committee establishment notice withdrawn.
Commenced and Effective Date	Protected Areas — Comment by: 5 July 2026. Waste Tyre withdrawal published: 19 June 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: (i) A management notice for the West Coast Region protected areas — may affect permitted activities, access and land use in or adjacent to relevant protected areas. (ii) Formal withdrawal of the notice establishing the Industry Advisory Committee under the Waste Tyre Regulations — signals a reset of the industry body. Implication: Landowners or operators near West Coast protected areas need to assess whether their activities are affected. Waste-tyre industry players should watch for a replacement notice reconstituting the advisory committee.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: (i) Landowners, developers and operators with interests in or near West Coast protected areas — lodge comments by 5 July 2026 if affected. (ii) Waste-tyre producers, importers, retreaders and EPR scheme administrators — note the withdrawal and monitor for a reconstituted committee notice.

6. TRANSPORT & MERCHANT SHIPPING

Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2026

SHIPPING	SUMMARY
LAW	Merchant Shipping Act
Resources	GeN 3976, Dept of Transport, G 54853, published 19 June 2026. Source: View notice on gov.za
Status	Amendment regulations published.
Commenced and Effective Date	Published: 19 June 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: Amends the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Regulations to the 2026 version — aligning South African maritime dangerous-goods rules with updated international standards (IMDG Code and related conventions). Implication: Shippers, port operators, freight forwarders and vessel operators transporting dangerous goods by sea must comply with the revised classification, packaging, marking, labelling and documentation requirements.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: Shipowners, masters, freight forwarders, cargo agents, port terminal operators and shippers of dangerous goods. Review the full amended regulations (6.61 MB) against current procedures; update DG declarations, packing lists and training materials; confirm compliance with the revised IMDG-aligned requirements before next shipment.

7. TAX ADMINISTRATION

Tax Administration Act – Assessment Extension

TAX ADMINISTRATION	SUMMARY
LAW	Tax Administration Act
Resources	GoN 7602, SARS / National Treasury, G 54853, published 19 June 2026. Source: View notice on gov.za
Status	Extension notice published.
Commenced and Effective Date	Published: 19 June 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: Extends the period within which taxpayers may request a reduced or additional assessment under s 95(6) of the Tax Administration Act. Implication: Taxpayers who may otherwise have been time-barred from requesting a s 95(6) assessment adjustment have additional time to submit such requests.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: Taxpayers (individual and corporate) and their tax advisers with pending or contemplated s 95(6) assessment requests. Confirm the extended deadline from the full notice and diarise accordingly; consider whether any historical assessments warrant a reduced or additional assessment request while the window is open.

8. BROADCASTING & COMMUNICATIONS (ICASA / ECA)

Electronic Communications Act – Multiplex 1 ITP-R Erratum & Extension

BROADCASTING	SUMMARY
LAW	Electronic Communications Act
Resources	GeN 3984, ICASA, G 54889, published 22–23 June 2026. Source: Erratum & extension on gov.za Comments invited on gov.za
Status	Erratum and extension of comment closing date published; representations invited.
Commenced and Effective Date	Published: 22–23 June 2026. Comment by: 30 June 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: ICASA has published an erratum and extended the closing date for representations on its Invitation to Plan and Register (ITP-R) for Multiplex 1 frequencies under the Electronic Communications Act — part of the digital terrestrial television (DTT) and digital audio broadcasting rollout. Implication: Stakeholders who missed or need to revise submissions on the Multiplex 1 ITP-R process now have a short extended window.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: Broadcasting licensees, technology neutral licensees, spectrum applicants and ICT industry stakeholders with an interest in Multiplex 1 frequencies. Note the very tight extension — file representations by 30 June 2026 .

9. MISCELLANEOUS

South African Geographical Names Council – Official Names Publication

GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES	SUMMARY
LAW	South African Geographical Names Council Act
Resources	GoN 7618, South African Geographical Names Council, G 54897, published 24 June 2026. Source: View notice on gov.za
Status	Official geographical names published; comments invited.
Commenced and Effective Date	Published: 24 June 2026. Comment by: 23 July 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: Publication of official geographical names for various provinces under the South African Geographical Names Council Act. Implication: Formalises place names in various provinces; affects mapping, addressing, legal descriptions of land, and official correspondence referencing affected localities.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: Municipalities, property developers, surveyors, conveyancers and businesses operating in affected areas. Check whether any sites, addresses or property descriptions in your operations are affected; lodge comments by 23 July 2026 if a proposed name change affects your interests.

Parliament – Private Member's Bill

PARLIAMENT	SUMMARY
LAW	Parliament of the Republic of South Africa
Resources	GeN 3981, Parliament, G 54874, published 19 June 2026. Source: View notice on gov.za
Status	Notice of intention to introduce a Private Member's Bill published; comments invited.
Commenced and Effective Date	Published: 19 June 2026. Comment by: 31 July 2026.
In a Nutshell: What It Covers and Requires	Purpose: Formal notice of a Member of Parliament's intention to introduce a Private Member's Bill by way of amendment. Implication: Signals a potential legislative change originating outside of the executive — pull the full notice to confirm the subject matter and assess sector relevance.
Actions and Compliance Activities / Controls	Who it applies to: Organisations and industry bodies monitoring the legislative pipeline. Pull the full notice to confirm the Bill's subject matter; lodge written comments by 31 July 2026 if the proposed legislation affects your sector.

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