

GENERAL NOTICES ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

NOTICE 46 OF 2015

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE PLANT IMPROVEMENT BILL, 2015

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 241(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries intends to introduce the Plant Improvement Bill, 2015 in the National Assembly shortly.
2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.
3. The Plant Improvement Bill, 2015 seeks to replace the Plant Improvement Act, 1976 (Act No. 53 of 1976). The Bill seeks to provide for the registration of certain types of business relating to plants and propagating material intended for cultivation and sale and the registration of premises on or from which that business is conducted; quality standards for plants and propagating material intended for cultivation and sale and conditions of sale of plants and propagating material; a system for national listing of plant varieties; the evaluation of plant varieties in order to ensure value if there is doubt in respect of the value for cultivation and use of plant varieties intended for cultivation and sale; import and export control of plants and propagating material; a system for different types of schemes for plants and propagating material; and to provide for matters connected therewith.
4. A copy of the Bill can be found on the websites of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <http://www.pmg.org.za> and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries at <http://www.daff.gov.za> and may also be obtained from the Government Printers: Cape Town (Telephone number 021-465-7531).