
GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**NOTICE 1005 OF 2015****NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF A BILL INTO PARLIAMENT**

The Minister of Communications intends introducing the following Bill into Parliament during November 2015:

FILMS AND PUBLICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL, 2014.

To amend the Films and Publications Act, 1996, so as to insert and amend certain definitions; to provide for the establishment of, the composition of, and appointment of, members of the Penalty Committee; to provide for the powers and duties of the Penalty Committee; to regulate online distribution of digital films and digital games; to extend the functions of the Film and Publication Board of monitoring compliance with the Films and Publications Act to include online distributors in respect of the requirements to comply with the Films and Publications Act; to revise and further regulate the functions of compliance officers regarding entering and inspection of premises and facilities in which the business of the sale, hire or exhibition of films or games is being conducted; to further regulate the classification of publications, films and games; to provide for independent industry classification bodies accreditation thereof by the Film and Publication Board; to provide for classification of publications, films and games by the independent industry classification bodies; to provide for foreign classification systems and approval thereof by the Film and Publication Board; to provide for the use of classification ratings issued by a foreign classification authority or body; to provide for the right of appeal against classifications issued by independent industry classification bodies; to provide for exemptions in respect of online distribution of films and games; to further provide for the obligations of internet service providers regarding curbing the use of their services in advocating racism and hate speech; to revise and strengthen penal provisions; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Subsequent to the introduction of the Bill into Parliament, copies can be obtained from:

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