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### DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTEMENT VAN KUNS, KULTUUR, WETENSKAP EN TEGNOLOGIE

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SOUTH AFRICAN GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES COUNCIL ACT, 1998, (ACT NO 118 OF 1998)

#### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE STANDARDISATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

The Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology has, under section 12 of the South African Geographical Names Council Act, 1998 (Act No. 118 of 1998), made the regulations in the Schedule.

B.S. NGUBANE  
MINISTER OF ARTS, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### SCHEDULE

##### Definitions

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, has that meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise, "the Act" means the South African Geographical Names Council Act, 1998 (Act No. 118 of 1998).

##### Appointment of members to Council

- 2.(1) Members of the Council referred to in section 3(2) of the Act must be identified for selection and appointment through a process of public nomination.
- (2) The Director-General must, through the media and by notice in the *Government Gazette*, invite the public to nominate, within 30 days, persons who have knowledge, experience or interest in the area of geographical names for appointment as such members.
- (3) The invitation must be published in at least two national newspapers.

- (4) The Director-General must compile a list of nominees and submit the list to the Minister for consideration.
- (5) The Minister must appoint the members of the Council.

**Criteria for determining whether a geographical name is a national or local competence**

- 3.(1) The criteria for deciding whether or not a geographical name is to be regarded as a local competence are as follows:
  - (a) The area must be situated within the jurisdiction of the local authority; and
  - (b) geographical names of local concern include streets, municipal buildings and squares, local parks and cemeteries, and privately owned buildings.
- (2) The following criteria must be followed when deciding whether or not a geographical name should be regarded as a national competence:
  - (a) Geographical names of national concern include: towns, suburbs, any form of human settlement, post offices, stations, airports, harbours, highways, mountains, streams, rivers, bays, points, islands, wetlands and national parks; and
  - (b) any other geographical name other than those referred to in subregulation (1)(b).

**Short title**

- 4. These Regulations shall be called the South African Geographical Names Council Regulations, 2003.