GENERAL NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE FERTILIZER AND FEEDS BILL, 2012

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 Fertilizer and Feed Bill, 2012 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.

2.The Fertilizers and Feeds Bill, 2012 seeks the amendment of the Fertilisers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No. 36 of 1947), insofar as it relates to fertilizers, farm feeds and sterilizing plants in order to provide for: licensing of facilities and rendering plants, registration of feed additives, raw materials, animal by-products, imported fertilizers, feeds or pet foods, and home mixers; appointment of a Registrar to administer the Act; establishment of the Technical Standards Advisory Council; designation of technical advisers, analysts and auditors; regulation of the import, export, acquisition, disposal, sale or use of fertilizers and feeds.

3. A copy of the Bill can be found on the websites of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <u>http://www.pmg.org.za</u> and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries at <u>http://www.daff.gov.za</u> and may also be obtained from the Government Printers: Cape Town (Telephone number: (021)465-7531)

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