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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES (DAFF)

PUBLICATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AMENDMENT BILL 2013

I, Tina Joemat-Pattersson, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hereby invite all interested institutions, organizations and individuals to submit written comments on the draft Agricultural Research Amendment Bill.

The Agricultural Research Amendment Bill seeks to amend the Agricultural Research Act, 1990 (Act No. 86 of 1990) in order to: provide for differentiation between a juristic person, the Agricultural Research Council, from the entire national agricultural research system (NARS) which requires a new bill; determine and refine the functions of the ARC in relation to other roleplayers, and contextualize this role in terms of the needs of the sector and the expectations of government; improve the governance issues related to the Board, as well as mandatory reporting as per the PFMA; ensure alignment of the ARC's focus areas with DAFF's strategic thrusts; recognize the NARS and provide for a governing body mandated to coordinate national activities and programmes, especially where public funding is involved through the provision of a monitoring and evaluation service to perform a policy advisory service to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; and improve national coordination, accountability and inclusivity, and funding in the sector.

Copies of the document may be obtained from the Director: Policy Research Support and from the DAFF website (www.daff.gov.za: Legislation: Bills).

Comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days from date of publication of this notice to:

The Director: Policy Research Support, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Private Bag X250, PRETORIA, 0001

Or

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