

NOTICE 47 OF 2015**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES****PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS
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 Breeders' Rights 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 Breeders' Rights Bill, 2015 seeks the amendment of the Plant Breeders' Rights Act, 1976 (Act No. 15 of 1976), in order to provide for: extension of protection to all plant genera and species; administrative matters including documentation requirements to secure a filing date, realistic periods for submission of plant material for test and trials, provision for what constitutes confidential information; revised conditions for issuing of a compulsory licences, empowering the Minister to make regulations on applications and limits of farmers' privilege, fines to be determined in terms of of the Adjustment of Fines Act, 1991 (Act No. 101 of 1991) and establishment of the Advisory Committee.

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).