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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES****NOTICE 248 OF 2018****PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT BILL,  
2018**

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 276 (1) (b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries intends to introduce the Aquaculture Development Bill, 2018 in the National Assembly shortly.
2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276 (1) (c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.
3. To establish an Intergovernmental Authorisations Committee; to provide for the establishment of a national aquaculture intergovernmental forum; to provide for the establishment of provincial aquaculture intergovernmental forums; to provide for the establishment of the national aquaculture sector liaison forum; to provide for the appointment of aquaculture extension officers; to provide for the appointment of specialists on contract; to provide for the recognition of aquaculture sector associations; to provide for the establishment of a national reference laboratory for aquatic animal diseases and food safety; to provide for the establishment of national and provincial aquaculture development funds; to provide for the adoption and content of national and provincial aquaculture development strategies; to provide for the establishment of aquaculture development zones; to provide for the establishment of national and provincial aquaculture information systems; to provide for licensing authorities; to provide for the application, transfer, amendment, renewal and cancellation of aquaculture licences and permits; to provide for integrated aquaculture authorisations; to provide for the setting of water quality objectives and standards for aquaculture; to provide for the protection of aquatic environment; to provide for the development of a national aquatic animal health programme relating to health, welfare, safety and quality of aquatic organisms and products; to prohibit the import, export and movement of aquaculture organisms and products without permits; to provide for the transformation of the aquaculture sector; to provide for the designation of aquaculture inspectors; to provide for the powers of aquaculture inspectors; to provide for offences and penalties; to provide for appeals; to provide for ownership of aquaculture organisms and products; to provide for delegation; to provide for the making of regulations; to provide for savings, repeal and amendment of legislation; to provide for transitional arrangements; to limit state liability; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

4. A copy of the Bill can be found on the website 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