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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, IMPORT, EXPORT, SALE AND USE OF PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS THAT ARE LISTED BY THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, as required by section 47 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), hereby give notice of my intention to amend the Regulations to Prohibit the Production, Distribution, Import, Export, Sale and Use of Persistent Organic Pollutants 2021 published in Government Notice R.414, in Government *Gazette* 44559, of 12 May 2021, as set out in the Schedule hereto.

Members of the public are invited to submit, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the Government *Gazette* or in a national newspaper, whichever date comes last, written comments on the proposed amendments to any of the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Attention: Ms Margaret Molefe

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By hand at: Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, 0083

By email at: smolefe@dffe.gov.za.

Any enquiries in connection with the proposed Notices can be directed to Ms Margaret Molefe at 012 399 9845

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.

BARBARA DALLAS CREECY

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these Regulations, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act bears that meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates—

"the Regulations" means the Regulations to Prohibit the Production, Distribution, Import, Export, Sale and Use of Persistent Organic Pollutants that are listed by the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, 2021, published in Government Notice R.414, in Government *Gazette* 44559, of 12 May 2021; and

"the Act" means the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

Amendment of regulation 1 of the Regulations

- 2. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution of the definition for "listed substance" for the following definition:
 - " 'listed substance" means any chemical listed in regulation 3 of these Regulations, including formulations and products containing any of these chemicals;"