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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION**NO. R. 6492****8 August 2025****LIQUOR ACT, 59 OF 2003****LIQUOR AMENDMENT REGULATIONS**

I, Mr Mpho Franklyn Parks Tau, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, after consultation with the National Liquor Policy Council, intends, in terms of section 42 read with section 43 of the Liquor Act, 2003 (Act No. 59 of 2003) to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Any person who wishes to submit written comments on the draft Regulations is hereby invited to do so within 30 days from the date of publication hereof by—

- (a) posting such comments to the following address:
Private Bag X 84
PRETORIA
0001;
- (b) delivering such comments by hand at the following address:
The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition
77 Meintjies Street, 1st Floor, Block B, Sunnyside, Pretoria; or
- (c) mailing such comments electronically to the following address:
NRamphela@thedtic.gov.za.

Comments must be addressed to the Director-General: Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, and marked for the attention of Ms Nkoe Ramphela.

**MR MPHOK PARKS TAU, MP****MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION**31/07/2025

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In this Schedule, “the Regulations” means the National Liquor Regulations, 2004 published in Government Gazette No. 26689, Government Notice No. R980 of 17 August 2004 as amended by Government Notice No. 8040 published in Government Gazette 26689 of 17 August 2004, the Liquor Amendment Regulations, 2008, published in Government Notice No. R82 , Government Gazette No. 30718 of 01 February 2008 and the Liquor Amendment Regulations 2013, published in Government Gazette No. 10071, Government Notice No. 37091 of 3 December 2013.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is hereby amended by –

- (a) the insertion after the definition of “Act” of the following definitions:

“alter” means the altering by a registrant of the nature or conduct of its activities and shall exclude the adding or removing of premises;

- (b) “annual turnover” means the volume or value of annual sales, on a yearly basis per premise;

- (c) the substitution for the definition of “certified copy” of the following definition:

““certified copy” means a copy of a document certified by a commissioner of oaths on a date not more than six months ago;

- (d) the insertion after the definition of “deliver” of the following definition:

““delivery of liquor” means distribution of liquor from a licensed premises by any vehicle, vessel or by air;

- (e) the substitution for the definition of “file” of the following definition:

“file”, means to deposit through the online case management system of the National Liquor Authority;

- (f) the insertion after the definition of “file” of the following definition:

“foreign national” means an individual who is not a South African citizen or who does not have a permanent residence permit issued in terms of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No.13 of 2002);

- (g) the insertion after the definition of “National Liquor Authority” of the following definition:

“Online case management system” means the online system used for depositing any documents with the National Liquor Authority for applications and satisfying the requirements for manufacturing and distribution of liquor;

- (h) the insertion after the definition of “regulation” of the following definitions:
“renewal fee” means fee payable for annual return based on the annual sales for each registered premises; and

- (i) the insertion after the definition of “sell” of the following definition:

“storage” means a building facility utilized for storing of liquor in registered premises for manufacturing and distribution purposes.”.

Amendment of regulation 3 of the Regulations

3. Regulation 3 of the Regulations is hereby amended by –

- (a) the substitution in subregulation (2) for paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of the following paragraphs, respectively:

“(c) Communication by telephone on 0861843384;

(d) Transmitted through the online case management system; and

(e) Transmitted by electronic email to NLAApplcations@thedtic.gov.za.”.

Substitution of regulation 8 of the Regulations

4. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 8 of the Regulations:

“8. Form of notices and applications

Whenever a notice or application is made in terms of the Act, or an item of these Regulations shown in column 1 or Table NLA 2, for a purpose listed in column 2 of the Table, the document must be in the form of the annexure listed opposite that section number in column 3 of that Table, and must be produced subject to any conditions listed opposite that section number in column 4 of the Table”.

Insertion of regulation 8A of the Regulations

5. The following regulation is hereby inserted in the Regulations after regulation 8:

“Filing of notice, applications or documents

8A. Whenever a notice, application or document is required in terms of the Act or provisions of these Regulations, such notice, application or document must be filed or delivered subject to any conditions or instructions and be substantially in the prescribed manner and form”.

Amendment of Regulation 9 of the Regulations

6. Regulation 9 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for sub-regulation (1) of the following sub-regulation:

“(1) Whenever the Minister or the National Liquor Authority is required to issue a Certificate, Notice or Receipt in terms of the Act, or an item of these Regulations, shown in column 1 of the Table NLA 3, for the purpose listed in column 2 of that Table, the document or receipts must be in the prescribed manner and form of the annexure listed opposite that section number in column 3 of that Table, and must be produced subject to any conditions listed opposite that section number in column 4 of that Table and must be issued within 90 days from the date of receipt.”.

Amendment of Regulation 11 of the Regulations

7. Regulation 11 of the Regulations is hereby amended by –

- (a) the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) The fees in respect of applications and registrations for the manufacture and distribution of liquor and annual information returns are set out in the following Table NLA 4.”; and

- (b) by the substitution for Table NLA 4 of the following Table:

Annual turnover from activities registered under the Act	Type of applications	Fee	Proposed fee structure
Less than R5, 000, 000.00	New Application (s11)		R2000
	Initial Registration		R4000
	Notice to review [schedule 1 Item 4 (6)		R1000
	Annual renewal of registration		R4000
	Transfer application fee (s15)		R3000

	Request for variation of conditions [s 16(1)]		R3000
	Notice of change in location or activities		R3000
	Storage (s 7)		R4000
	Appointment of person to conduct activities (s17)		R4000
	Notice of acquisition of control		R2000
	Financial contribution, minimum of 1% of the annual turnover		
Annual turnover from activities registered under the Act	Type of applications		Proposed fee structure
At least R5,000,000.00 but less than R15,000,000.00	New Application (s11)		R4000
	Initial Registration		R8000
	Notice to review [schedule 1 Item 4 (6)]		R2000
	Annual renewal of registration		R8000
	Transfer application fee (s15)		R6000
	Request for variation of conditions [s 16(1)]		R6000
	Notice of change in location or activities		R6000
	Storage (s 7)		R4000
	Appointment of person to conduct activities (s17)		R4000
	Notice of acquisition of control		R4000
	Financial contribution, minimum of 1% of the annual turnover		
Annual turnover from activities registered under the Act	Type of applications		Proposed fee structure
At least R15, 000, 000.00 but less than R250,000,000.00	New Application (s11)		R10000
	Initial Registration		R10000
	Notice to review [schedule 1 Item 4 (6)]		R10000
	Annual renewal of registration		R15000
	Transfer application fee (s15)		R8000
	Request for variation of conditions [s 16(1)]		R7500
	Notice of change in location or activities		R8000
	Storage (s 7)		R4000

	Appointment of person to conduct activities (s17)		R8000
	Notice of acquisition of control		R6000
	Financial contribution, minimum of 1% of the annual turnover		
Annual turnover from activities registered under the Act	Type of applications	Fee	Proposed fee structure
At least R250, 000, 000.00 but less than R1 billion	New Application (s11)		R15 000
	Initial Registration		R15 000
	Notice to review [schedule 1 Item 4 (6)]		R15 000
	Annual renewal of registration		R15 000
	Transfer application fee (s15)		R15 000
	Request for variation of conditions [s 16(1)]		R15 000
	Notice of change in location or activities		R15 000
	Storage (s 7)		R4000
	Appointment of person to conduct activities (s17)		R10 000
	Notice of acquisition of control		R12 000
	Financial contribution, minimum of 1% of the annual turnover		
Annual turnover from activities registered under the Act	Type of applications	Fee	Proposed fee structure
At least R1 billion	New Application (s11)		R30 000
	Initial Registration		R20 000
	Notice to review [schedule 1 Item 4 (6)]		R30 000
	Annual renewal of registration		R30 000
	Transfer application fee (s15)		R30 000
	Request for variation of conditions [s 16(1)]		R30 000
	Notice of change in location or activities		R30 000
	Storage (s 7)		R4000
	Appointment of person to conduct activities (s17)		R15 000
	Notice of acquisition of control		R15 000

Financial contribution, minimum of 1% of the annual turnover		
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Amendment of regulation 13 of the Regulations

8. Regulation 13 of the Regulations is hereby amended by –

(a) the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) A person who intends to be registered for the first time as a new registrant in terms of section 11, must –

- (a) complete Form NLA1 fully through the online case management system;
- (b) satisfy all the filing instructions set out in the Form NLA1;
- (c) attach all the documents required in terms of these Regulations; and
- (d) file the completed Form NLA1.”;

(b) the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) The applicant in addition to satisfying the requirements set out in Form NLA1, must pay the prescribed fees to the satisfaction of the National Liquor Authority and attach proof of payment with the application form.”;

(c) the substitution in subregulation (5) for paragraph (b) of the following paragraph:

“(b) An application for registration in terms of subregulation (1) if made by a natural person, must be accompanied by –

- (i) a certified copy, not older than six months, of an identity document of the applicant and in the case of a foreign national, a business visa of the applicant issued in terms of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No.13 of 2002).;
- (ii) a police clearance certificate or finger print clearance certificate which is valid for 12 months;

- (iii) documentation, which must be to the satisfaction of the National Liquor Authority as follows:
 - (aa) a zoning certificate suitable for manufacturing and distribution;
 - (bb) a consent letter from the municipality where the premises are not suitable for manufacturing and distribution of liquor, which must not be older than 12 months from the date of issue; or
 - (cc) a letter from traditional authorities which must not be older than 12 months from date of issue, where the premises do not fall under the municipal jurisdiction;
 - (iv) a valid and relevant tax compliance certificate issued by the South African Revenue Service;
 - (v) a B-BBEE compliance certificate, in line with the B-BBEE Act;
 - (vi) an estimated or projected annual turnover;
 - (vii) a proof of affiliation and proposed contributions made annually to an institution responsible for dealing with alcohol abuse; and
 - (viii) any other documents, as may be requested in terms of the Act or by the National Liquor Authority.”; and
- (d) the addition to subregulation (5) of the following paragraph:
- “(c) An application for registration in terms of subregulation (1) if made by a juristic person, including a trust, established in terms of the Trust Property Control Act, 1988 (Act No. 57 of 1988) must be accompanied by –
- (i) certified copies of identity documents of the directors, a business visa in respect of a foreign national, issued in terms of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No.13 of 2002) including registration certificates and copy of the share register,

- (ii) a police clearance certificate or finger print clearance certificate of the directors and persons with control over the applicant, which is valid for 12 months;
- (iii) documentation which must be to the satisfaction of National Liquor Authority as follows:
 - (aa) a zoning certificate suitable for manufacturing, distribution from the relevant municipality
 - (bb) a consent letter from the municipality where the premises are not suitable for manufacturing, distribution of liquor, which must not be older than 12 months from the date of issue; or
 - (cc) a letter from traditional authorities which must not be older than 12 months from date of issue, where the premises do not fall under the municipal jurisdiction;
- (iv) a certified copy of the registration document issued by the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission established in terms of the Companies Act, 2008 (Act No. 71 of 2008) indicating the current status of the applicant; and a certified copy of shareholder certificate
- (v) a valid and relevant tax compliance certificate issued by the South African Revenue Service;
- (vi) a B-BBEE compliance certificate, in line with the B-BBEE Act;
- (vii) a proof of affiliation and proposed contributions made annually to an institution responsible for combating alcohol abuse;
- (viii) an estimated or projected annual turnover;
- (ix) any other documents as may be requested in terms of the Act or as contemplated in subregulation (5)(c)(iii).".

Amendment of regulation 14 of the Regulations

9. Regulation 14 of the Regulations is hereby amended by –

- (a) the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) Within 14 business days after receiving an application in terms of section 11 of the Act, the National Liquor Authority may –

- (a) reject any application filed with incomplete information, or non-payment;
- (b) proceed to consider a complete application for registration or request additional or corrected information; and
- (c) order an inspection of the premises to be conducted by an inspector within thirty days of receipt of an application, whose inspection report must be furnished within a reasonable time, not later than thirty days after the inspection.”;

(b) the substitution for sub-regulation (2) of the following sub-regulation:

“(2) The applicant must respond within 14 business days after receiving a request in terms of subregulation (1)(b).”.

Amendment of regulation 15A of the Regulations

10. Regulation 15A of the Regulations is hereby amended by –

(a) the insertion after subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1A) The information to be filed by the registrant in an annual return for the renewal of a registration, must be accompanied by-

- (a) a police clearance certificate or finger print clearance certificate which is valid for 12 months;
- (b) a valid and relevant tax compliance certificate issued by the South African Revenue Service;
- (c) a B-BBEE compliance certificate, in line with the B-BBEE Act;
- (d) a proof of affiliation and contributions made annually to an institution responsible for combating alcohol abuse;
- (e) an annual turnover and proof of annual turnover in the form of a financial statement, letter signed by the director of the entity or a letter from an accountant, confirming the annual turnover; and
- (g) any other documents as may be requested in terms of the Act or by the National Liquor Authority.”.

Amendment of regulation 16 of the Regulations

11. Regulation 16 of the Regulations is hereby amended by -

(a) the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) A registrant who proposes to relocate or alter the nature or conduct of its activities must apply to the National Liquor Authority by filing Form NLA 14, paying the prescribed fee and providing a valid certified copy, not older than six months, of the following documents:

- (a) A police clearance certificate or finger print clearance certificate which is valid for 12 months;
- (b) a valid and relevant tax compliance certificate issued by the South African Revenue Service;
- (c) a B-BBEE compliance certificate, in line with the B-BBEE Act;
- (d) a proof of affiliation and contributions made annually to an institution responsible for combating alcohol abuse;
- (e) an annual turnover and proof of annual turnover in the form of a financial statement, letter signed by the director of the entity or a letter from an accountant confirming the annual turnover; and
- (f) any other documents as may be requested in terms of the Act or by the National Liquor Authority.”;
- (g) documentation which must be to the satisfaction of National Liquor Authority as follows:
 - (aa) a zoning certificate suitable for manufacturing, distribution from the relevant municipality
 - (bb) a consent letter from the municipality where the premises are not suitable for manufacturing, distribution of liquor, which must not be older than 12 months from the date of issue; or
 - (cc) a letter from traditional authorities which must not be older than 12 months from date of issue, where the premises do not fall under the municipal jurisdiction;

- (b) the substitution for subregulation (5) of the following sub-regulation:
 - “(5) A registrant wishing to register new premises must file NLA 1 and pay the prescribed application fee.”;

Amendment of regulation 21 of the Regulations

12. Regulation 21 of the Regulations is hereby amended by

- (a) the deletion of subregulation (1), the existing subregulation (2) becoming subregulation (1);
- (b) the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:
 - “(2) Subject to conditions imposed by the National Liquor Authority, and if the municipality or traditional authority has not determined the trading days and hours, a registrant must conduct its business as a registered distributor on any day from Monday to Saturday between 06h00 and 18h00 and Sundays and Public holidays between 09h00 and 17h00.”;
- (c) the insertion after subregulation (2), of the following sub-regulation:
 - “(3) Manufacturing may take place on a daily basis for 24 hours.”.

Amendment of regulation 22 of the Regulations

13. Regulation 22 of the Regulations is hereby amended by -

- (a) the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:
 - “(2) The record referred to in subregulation (1) must be in a written or electronic form and must contain the following information:
 - (a) Name of the purchaser;
 - (b) delivery address;

- (c) original valid liquor licence or a certified copy;
- (d) invoice numbers and dates of issue;
- (e) the kind and quantity of the liquor supplied; and
- (f) the purchase prices paid.”; and

(b) the addition of the following subregulations:

- “(3) The records for distribution licence holders with a threshold of over 25 litres of liquor supply, must be kept for a period of five years from the date of sale.
- (4) The original valid liquor registration certificate must be displayed at the registered premises until the cancellation of the registration.”.

14. Insertion of transitional arrangements

The following regulation is hereby inserted in the Regulations after regulation 21:

“21A. Transitional arrangements

A registrant who wishes to file an application or document required for purposes of alterations, relocations, renewal or where the online case management system has not been opened for such application, must upon the coming into effect of these Regulations, when filing such application or document, file without using the online case management system for a period of five years or such earlier period as will be determined by the Minister by Notice in the Government Gazette.”.

15. Amendment of NLA FORM 6

(1) Form NLA form 6 is hereby amended by-

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA NATIONAL LIQUOR AUTHORITY	
<p style="text-align: center;">INSTRUCTIONS</p> <p>This form is prescribed for use in terms of Section 13 and Item 4 of Schedule 1 of the Liquor Act, 2003, and Regulation 15 of the National Liquor Regulations, 2004.</p> <p>Any conditions set out in an attachment referred to on this form are of the same effect as if they were printed on this form.</p> <p>In terms of section 13 of the Liquor Act, 2003, the applicant or registrant must respond to this notice by filing Form NLA 7 within 30 days after the date of this Notice, or such longer time as the Minister may permit on application.</p> <p>Failure to respond to this notice may result in the Minister refusing to register the applicant or cancelling the registration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONTACTING THE NATIONAL LIQUOR AUTHORITY</p> <p>National Liquor Authority 77 Meintjies St Pretoria Private Bag X84 Pretoria 0001 Republic of South Africa Tel: 086 184 3384 Fax: 27 (0)12 394 0555 Email: nationalliquorauthority@thedtic.gov.za</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NLA FORM 6 Proposal for Conditions of Registration</p> <hr/> <p>Date: _____ Reference No: _____</p> <p>To: REGISTRANT</p> <hr/> <p>The National Liquor Authority, on behalf of the Minister of Trade and Industry, hereby proposes the following as conditions of registration in terms of section 13, or Item 4 of Schedule 1, of the Liquor Act, 2003, for the reasons set out in the attached covering letter.</p> <p>GENERAL CONDITIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The liquor product(s) to be distributed should comply with the definition provided in the Liquor Act 59 of 2003 and/or the definition of the Liquor Products Amendment Act 8 of 2021 as and when amended; 2. The manufacturing and or distribution activities should be conducted from premises and at a location approved by the relevant local authority. The applicant should provide the National Liquor Authority with Consent Use and Approval or Business Zoning Certificate to conduct business activities from the proposed premises within 30 days from the date of receipt of the proposal for conditions of registration; 3. Liquor may only be distributed to registered persons/entities or other licensees; 4. The applicant must not employ a person who has not attained the age of 16 unless the employee is undergoing training or learnership contemplated in section 16 of the Skill Development Act No. 97 of 1989; 5. The applicant must comply with Customs and Excise Duties Act No.30 of 2014 as amended; 6. The applicant must comply with all the provisions of the Liquor Act 59 of 2003 and/ or any other relevant law. 7. Keep a separate register for transactions relating to manufacturing and distribution activities.

	<p>SPECIFIC CONDITIONS</p> <p>1. The applicant should provide the National Liquor Authority with a compliance certificate from an accredited BEE verification agency annually within a year from the date of issuance of the registration certificate</p> <p>2. The applicant should affiliate to an Industry Association responsible for combating alcohol abuse and provide proof of affiliation to the National Liquor Authority within a year from the date of receipt of the registration certificate or alternatively contribute 1% of the entity's earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization to a specific organization dealing with alcohol abuse and further provide the National Liquor Authority with proof of contribution within a year from the date of issuance of the registration certificate and annually thereafter;</p> <p>3. The applicant should submit an employment plan within a year from the date of receipt of the registration certificate and a progress report annually thereafter;</p> <p>5. The liquor stored using distribution licence is only for distribution purposes and prohibited for retail.</p> <p>NATIONAL LIQUOR AUTHORITY FOR THE MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION</p>
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This form is prescribed by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition in terms of section 42 of the Liquor Act, 2003 (Act No. 59 of 2003).