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DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**NO. 6616****15 September 2025****NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 102 OF 1996)****DRAFT REGULATIONS SETTING THE CRITERIA DETERMINING THE CLASSIFICATION
OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES**

I, Ms Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams, Minister of Small Business Development, hereby publish for public comment draft regulations setting the criteria determining the classification of micro, small and medium enterprises, which I intend to prescribe in terms of section 20(2) of the National Small Business Act, 1996 (Act No. 102 of 1996) as amended by the National Small Enterprise Amendment Act, 21 (Amendment Act 21 of 2024).

2. Members of the public are hereby invited to send their comments to Mr. Sibusiso Bhila at sbhila@dsbd.gov.za or submit it by hand to the Department of Small Business Development, 77 Meintjies Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria, within 42 (forty-two) days of publication of this notice.

3. Enquiries can be directed to Mr. Sibu Bhila at tel.: 072 902 4927 or Ms. Elize Koekemoer at tel.: 063 645 5834

4. Participants that wish to make oral presentations should indicate their interest in their written submissions and will be informed if any public hearings will be held in this regard.

**Ms Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams (MP)****MINISTER OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT****DATE: 05/08/2025**

Criteria to determine the classification of micro, small and medium enterprises

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Sectors or sub-sectors in accordance with the Standard Industrial Classification	Size or class of enterprise	Total full-time equivalent of paid employees	Total annual turnover - Rand
Agriculture	Medium	51- 250	≤ 100 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 45 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 15 million
Mining and Quarrying	Medium	51- 250	≤400 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 70,0 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 25 million
Manufacturing	Medium	51- 250	≤350 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 70,0 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 15,0 million
Electricity, Gas and Water	Medium	51- 250	≤350 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 70 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 15 million
Construction	Medium	51- 250	≤150 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 40 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 10 million
Retail, Trade and Repair services	Medium	51- 250	≤ 300 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 80 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 15 million
Wholesale	Medium	51- 250	≤600 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 150 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 30 million
Catering and Accommodation	Medium	51- 250	≤ 60 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 20 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 6 million
Transport, Storage and Communications	Medium	51- 250	≤ 300 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 80 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 15 million
Financial Intermediation	Medium	51- 250	≤ 160 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 45 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 10 million
Community, Social and Personal Services	Medium	51- 250	≤ 150 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 35 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 10 million