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Agricultural Products Standards Act: Meat analogues intended for sale in SA

The [regulations](#) will commence 18 July 2026 and will require that such products comply with container and marking requirements; and the prescribed standards relating to being fit for human consumption; being free from substances or foreign matter not normally part of meat analogues; protein content; and being free from ingredients and additives from animal origin.

Note: Meat analogue, meat substitute or imitation meat is defined as a product that is made from a non-animal ingredients as set out in the regulations; and that may be presented for sale in an ambient, chilled or frozen state.

Further note: Meat analogue 'approximates the sensory qualities (primary texture and flavour) and/or nutritional or chemical characteristics of a specific type of meat product and/or in general appearance, presentation and intended use corresponds to meat or a product made from meat'.

Final note: References the [Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act and regulations](#) (additives, labelling and advertising, salt, and sodium reduction regulations); and the [Trademark Act](#).

Agricultural Products Act: Grading, packing and marking of sorghum intended for sale in SA

[Regulations](#) commence 30 May 2026 that set the minimum standards for relevant products that go through a process of industrial milling during which the seed coat is removed and the grain or kernel is further processed.

Note: Sorghum products may only be sold in SA if sold according to the prescribed classes and in compliance with those classes; packed in the prescribed manner; and marked in the prescribed manner.

Final note: Confirms the regulations are additional to [foodstuffs, cosmetics and disinfectants regulations](#) (eg the labelling; food premises and transport; additives; fortification; genetic modification; melamine and metals levels; microbiological standards; and pesticide residue regulations) and [Legal Metrology Act](#).

Animal Diseases Act: Foot and mouth disease

Control measures updated to [prevent the spreading of the virus](#) through prohibitions on the movement of cloven-hoofed animals, animal products derived from cloven-hoofed animals or genetic material of cloven-hoofed animals from, to or within the KwaZulu-Natal disease management area.

Animals Protection Act: Draft regulations for the exportation of live animals by sea

Propose, amongst others, nutrition, physical environment, health and behaviour criteria; requirements for vehicles, vessels, holding facilities and passageways used; submission of documentation; and daily care. Comment within 45 days from 11 July 2025

Note: Proposes contingency plans for emergencies that must address, amongst others, the possibility of mechanical breakdown at sea; refusal of passage; fire on board; on-board veterinarian and/or animal handlers becoming indisposed; shortage of feed, water and medication; unexpected delays at any point prior, during the voyage and at disembarkation; refusals of entry at final destination; and disease outbreaks.

Further note: References the [Animal Identification Act](#); the [Animal Improvement Act](#); the [Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act](#); the [Medicines and Related Substances Act](#); the [Protection of Personal Information Act](#); and the [Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act](#).

Final note: Related laws may include, amongst others, the [Animal Diseases Act](#); the [Carriage of Goods by Sea Act](#); the [Customs and Excise Act](#); the [Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act](#); the [Marine Pollution \(Control and Civil Liability\) Act](#); the [Merchant Shipping Act](#); the [National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act](#); the [National Health Act](#); the [National Ports Act](#); the [National Road Traffic Act](#); the [Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act](#); the [Prevention of Organised Crime Act](#); the [Sea Birds and Seals Protection Act](#); the [South African Maritime Safety Authority Act](#); and the [Stock Theft Act](#).

Climate Change Act: Draft regulations on the administration and operation of the Presidential Climate Commission

Available from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. Comment within 30 days from 11 July 2025.

Commissions Act: Criminal justice system

[Inquiries will be made](#) whether criminal syndicates have infiltrated or exert undue influence over the SAPS; the National Prosecuting Authority; the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department; the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Department; the Tshwane Metropolitan Police Department; the State Security Agency; any member of the Judiciary; the Department of Correctional Services; and any other institutions and/or organs of state within the criminal justice system.

Note: Related past [inquiries](#) may include, among others, the inquiry into state capture; inquiry into SARS; inquiry into remuneration and conditions of service in public entities; inquiry into the PIC; and inquiry into the strategic defence procurement package.

Further note: Related special investigations may include investigations into the [SAPS](#); the [Department of Correctional Services](#); the [Department of Justice and Constitutional Development](#); the [Ekurhuleni municipality](#); the [Johannesburg municipality](#); and the [Tshwane municipality](#).

Final note: Related founding Acts may include the South African Police Services Act (eg [members](#)); the National Prosecuting Authority Act (eg [impartiality](#)); the Intelligence Services Act (eg [members](#)); the Constitution (eg [judicial authority](#)); and the Correctional Services Act (eg [offences](#)).

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa: Draft member amendment bill

A member bill, that proposes oversight over ministerial appointments, abolishing the office of the Deputy President, and empowering the National Assembly to pass a motion of no confidence in a Minister, is available from Parliament.

Electronic Communications Act: Draft white paper on audio and audiovisual media services and online safety

Paper that, amongst others, aims to promote SA identity and content, universal access, regulatory parity, competition, revisit some ownership limitations, and protection of children, available from the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies. Comment within 30 calendar days from 11 July 2025.

Note: Proposes that steps, which may take the form of co- or self-regulation, licensing, authorisation, notification or registration, must be taken to regulate, monitor and take action against those who seek to manipulate algorithms, data and platforms to cause harm to others.

Further note: References the Constitution ([section 85](#)); the [Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment Act](#); the [Broadcasting Act](#); the [Competition Act](#); the [Electronic Communications Act](#); the [Electronic Communications and Transactions Act](#); the [Films and Publication Act](#); and the [ICASA Act](#).

Final note: Related laws may include, amongst others, the [Childrens Act](#); the [Consumer Protection Act](#); the [Cybercrimes Act](#); the [Media Development and Diversity Agency Act](#); and the [Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act](#) (former Department of Communications, SABC, SITA and Universal Service and Access Agency investigations).

Electronic Communications Act: Draft digital terrestrial television regulations

Draft regulations to allocate capacity for the frequency band 470 to 694MHz comprising of 7 multiplexes for digital terrestrial television; and to prescribe licensing of the multiplex operator to provide signal distribution for the multiplexes, available from ICASA. Comment within 30 working days from 4 Jul 2025.

Electronic Communications Act: Numbering plan regulations

Draft amendments include, [amongst others](#), requiring that inactive mobile numbers must be quarantined for 1 month before being placed into the pool of available numbers; and if a subscriber has not initiated a revenue generating activity on their assigned mobile number for 60 consecutive days, a licensee must notify the subscriber of its intention to deactivate the assigned mobile number. Comment within 30 working days from 4 July 2025.

Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act: Exemption of banks in respect of certain clients

Extended to 27 February 2026, and available from the FSCA.

Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act: Guidance on advertising marketing

Communication 13 of 2025 (webinar recording regarding [regulations 14](#) and [15](#) of the general code of conduct, requirements before publishing advertisements, different types of advertising, and information related to marketing), available from the FSCA.

Financial Sector Regulation Act: 3-year regulatory plan

A plan, that includes finalising the Conduct of Financial Institutions Bill; reviewing the Financial Markets Act; conduct standards for payment services and for credit ratings agencies; amendments to FMA conduct standard 3 of 2018; and requirements for liquidating pension funds, available from the FSCA.

Note: Also aims for an approach that will eventually 'negate the need for constant legislative change'.

Identification Act: Withdrawal of notice

Notice of [planned cancellation of ID documents and cards](#) of persons whose identity numbers are blocked withdrawn 11 July 2025.

Note: Referenced documents or cards that were issued to persons whose names are not required to be in the population register; that did not correctly reflect the particulars of the persons to whom they were issued; that were fraudulently obtained through false statements and information; or that were forged.

Insourcing Member Bill

A member bill, that proposes insourcing of certain services required by organs of state, is available from Parliament.

International Co-operation in Criminal Matters Act: Draft Amendment Bill

Proposes, [amongst others](#), co-operation with, other than the International Criminal Court, any international organisation, tribunal or court, or similar body with jurisdiction over an international crime (crime for which such an entity has the power to prosecute); and evidence by audio-visual link.

Note: Proposes the President may on such conditions as deemed fit, enter into any agreement to provide for co-operation and judicial assistance to an entity, or for the enforcement of any order or sentence, and may agree to any amendment of the agreement.

Further note: References are made to the [Implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court Act](#); the [Legal Aid South Africa Act](#); and the [Prevention of Organised Crime Act](#).

Final note: Related laws may include, amongst others, the [Cybercrimes Act](#); the [Documentary Evidence from Countries in Africa Act](#); the [Extradition Act](#); the [Financial Intelligence Centre Act](#); the [Immigration Act](#); and the [Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act](#).

Legal Practice Act: Legal Services Ombud rules

Provide, [amongst others](#), that all proceedings during an investigation will be confidential except where such disclosure is required by law.

Note: The Ombud may investigate, on own initiative or on receipt of a complaint, any alleged maladministration in the application of the Act; abuse or unjustifiable exercise of power or unfair or other improper conduct or undue delay in performing a function in terms of the Act;

Final note: The Ombud may investigate, on own initiative or on receipt of a complaint, any alleged act or inaction which results in unlawful or improper prejudice to any person, which the Ombud considers may affect the integrity and independence of the legal profession and public perceptions in respect thereof.

Long-term Insurance Act: Health policies

Annual benefit [escalation](#) published.

Marketing of Agricultural Products Act: Lupin levy

Levy imposed from 1 October 2025 on all [lupins](#) sold by or for the producer; processed or converted or caused to be processed or converted into a lupins product by or for the producer intended to be disposed of; and for which a silo receipt has been issued if the levy in respect of such lupins has not already been paid.

Mine Health and Safety Act: Guidance note for the prevention and management of non-communicable diseases and mental health disorders in the SA mining industry

Available from the Chief Inspector of Mines.

National Environmental Management Air Quality Act: 2023 grid emission factors report

Report on domestic generation, national generation, transmission losses and distribution losses, that guides public users on how to use the factors for reporting, available from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

National Environmental Management Integrated Coastal Management Act: Draft environmental management of offshore ship to ship transfer regulations

Draft regulations, to avoid or minimise impacts of offshore ship to ship transfers, available from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. Comment within 30 days from 4 July 2025.

Note: Relates to the transfer at sea of liquid bulk cargo, including chemicals, oil, petroleum products, liquified petroleum gas or liquified natural gas from one vessel to another outside an operational harbour area and includes bunkering.

National Railway Safety Regulator Act: Railway Safety Act

Repealed [this Act](#) on 1 August 2025.

National Water Act: Ministers advisory committee on water sector economic regulation

Notice of a committee to advise on creating a regulator; monitoring of compliance; reviewing of fairness of tariffs; developing of standards; monitoring of quality of water service; investigating of abuse of monopoly power; and monitoring of water supply contracts, available from the Department of Water and Sanitation.

Pension Funds Act: Exemption of retail funds in relation to amalgamations and transfers from section 14(1)

Available from the FSCA.

Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act: Preference points claim form

Available from National Treasury.

Note: The form must be read with the [preferential procurement regulations](#) that, amongst others, references section 2(1)(f) (a contract must be awarded to the tenderer who scores the highest points, unless objective criteria in addition to section 2(1)(d) and (e) justify the award to another tenderer).

Further note: Section 2(1)(d) states specific goals may include contracting with persons or categories, historically disadvantaged by unfair race, gender or disability discrimination or implementing RDP; and section 2(1)(e) states a specific goal for which a point may be awarded must be clearly specified.

Final note: Related laws include but are not limited to the [Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act](#); the Criminal Procedure Act ([section 269A](#) theft; fraud; extortion); the [Public Administration Management Act](#) (basic values, conducting business with the State, and, if the section commences, disclosure of financial interest; the [Public Finance Management Act](#) (definitions of fruitless and wasteful expenditure, irregular expenditure, and unauthorised expenditure; and financial misconduct provisions); and the [Local Government Municipal Finance Act](#) (definitions of fruitless and wasteful expenditure, irregular expenditure, and unauthorised expenditure; and financial misconduct provisions).

Railway Safety Act: 1 August 2025 commencement

Will, amongst others, provide for monitoring and enforcement of safety in railway operations (including safe transport of dangerous goods through guidelines, conditional safety permits, and railway safety standards); and routine compliance inspections (with a duty to assist a safety inspector).

Note: Provision will be made for protection of information in an application for a safety permit; and for vicarious liability of employers and liability for failure by directors to take reasonable steps to prevent a company offence.

Further note: References the [Adjustment of Fines Act](#); the [Companies Act](#) (board disqualification); the [Criminal Procedure Act](#) (peace officer); the [Mine Health and Safety Act](#) and the [Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act](#) (non-application of Act in those instances but note section 63); the [National Ports Act](#) (non-application of Act); the [National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act](#); the [Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act](#) (register); the [Promotion of Access to Information Act](#); the [Promotion of Administrative Justice Act](#); the [Protection of Personal Information Act](#); the [Public Finance Management Act](#) (application to Act); the [Public Service Act](#); the [Standards Act](#) (Act standards get preference); and the [Transport Appeal Tribunal Act](#).

Final note: Related laws may include, amongst others, the common law (delictual law, fiduciary duties of directors, and liability for actions of agents); the [Criminal Matters Amendment Act 2015](#) (essential infrastructure); the [Infrastructure Development Act](#); the [National Environmental Management Act](#) (environmental liability); the [National Road Traffic Act](#) (transport of dangerous goods to and from railways); and the [Occupational Health and Safety Act](#).

Short-term Insurance Act: Accident and health policies

Annual benefit [escalation](#) published.

Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act: North West Development Corporation

Investigation into the [Corporation](#) amended to extend the duration under scrutiny; and to add further security services rendered to the Corporation and to departments, provincial public entities and provincial government business enterprises of the North West provincial government.

Note: Also see past [investigated provincial departments](#).

Further note: The [Public Finance Management Act](#) states, amongst others, an accounting authority for a public entity commits financial misconduct if it wilfully or negligently fails in its statutory fiduciary, governance, budgeting, information and financial statement requirements; or allows an irregular expenditure or a fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

Final note: The [Treasury regulations](#) state, amongst others, that the executive authority or relevant treasury may direct a public entity to lay charges of criminal financial misconduct against any person should an accounting authority fail to take appropriate action.

Standards Act

New, proposed, amended, and withdrawn [standards](#) gazetted for 25 July 2025.

Tax Administration Act: Income tax returns automatic assessment

Extension granted to 20 October 2025 for requesting a reduced or additional assessment after an [automatic assessment](#), which extension does not apply if the date of the automatic assessment is after 22 August 2025.

Taxation Laws Amendment Act: Special measures relating to sharing of general fuel levy revenue

Available from National Treasury.



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