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INFORMATION ALERT: NATIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, 28 JANUARY 2021

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment published the National Waste Management Strategy, 2020 ("National Waste Management Strategy") on 28 January 2021 in terms of section 6 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 ("NEM:WA"). According to the Minister, this strategy is to be implemented immediately.

The overarching purpose of the National Waste Management Strategy is to provide government's policy and strategic interventions for the waste sector and an enabling environment for implementation of the 2017 Chemicals and Waste Phakisa projects. Furthermore, the strategy seeks to give effect to NEM:WA by providing for the following:

- Institutional arrangements and planning matters i.r.o waste management;
- National norms and standards that regulate waste management by all spheres of government;
- Specific waste management measures;
- Licensing and control of waste management activities;
- Remediation of contaminated land;
- National waste information system;
- Compliance and enforcement;
- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities of all waste management stakeholders;
- A high- level implementation plan with targets, timeframes and accounting and reporting arrangements; and
- A monitoring and evaluation framework.

For a copy of the amendments to the regulations please see:

https://www.environment.gov.za/sites/default/files/docs/2020nationalwaste_managementstrategy1.pdf