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### The Waste Information Today

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## REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PHASE-OUT AND MANAGEMENT OF OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES PUBLISHED

The Minister of Environmental Affairs, Ms Bomo Edith Edna Molelwa published the regulations regarding the phase-out and management of ozone depleting substance, for implementation. The regulations were made in terms of section 53(a) and (e) read with sections 55(1)(a) and 55(2) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004).

The regulations can be found in notice 351 of Government Gazette 37621 dated 8 May 2014, and can be accessed at <http://sawic.environment.gov.za/>

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## THE STATUS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF IWMPs FOR 5 DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES

During the financial year 2013/2014 the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) embarked on a project to assist five district and their respective local municipalities to develop Integrated Waste Management Plans (IWMPs). The development of the IWMP by Municipalities is a legislative requirement in terms of section 11 of the Waste Act. The Municipalities assisted are: Gert Sibande (Mpumalanga), Sedibeng (Gauteng), Pixley ka Seme (Northern Cape), John Taolo (Northern Cape) and Namakwa (Northern Cape). The assistance provided was to ensure that these municipalities have IWMPs that are aligned with the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008).



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The development of the IWMPs was completed at the end of the 2013/2014 financial year and the DEA is now in the process of handing over the IWMPs to the Districts and their local municipalities for adoption by their Councils.

The DEA will continue to support these municipalities by providing technical inputs during the implementation phase should the municipalities require such. The assistance that will be provided by the DEA will include amongst others; training related to waste management services such as waste data reporting on the information systems, setting tariffs for waste collection and disposal, development of a municipal by-law, and etc.

Should any municipality require the same support, please contact Mr M. Mogotsi on email: [MMogotsi@environmnet.gov.za](mailto:MMogotsi@environmnet.gov.za) or Tel: (012) 399 9807.

## IMPORT AND EXPORT OF WASTE: REQUIREMENTS OF THE BASEL CONVENTION

South Africa became a signatory to the Basel Convention in May 1994 and the Department of Environmental Affairs was chosen to be the Competent Authority and therefore responsible for implementing the provisions of the convention. The Basel Convention was established to protect human health and the environment against adverse effects resulting from generation, management, trans-boundary movement and disposal of hazardous and other wastes. Having become a party to the Convention, South Africa is bound by all obligations under the Basel Convention. South Africa is expected to prevent or minimize the generation of waste in terms of quantity and hazardousness, to treat and dispose of wastes as close to the source of generation as possible and to reduce the movement of waste across the borders.

The Department has recently conducted an internal assessment on the implementation of the Basel Convention requirements for trans-boundary movement of waste and the management of the waste once it is being moved. The outcome of this assessment has resulted in the updating of the guidance documents for the import and export of waste. We invite people who are involved in the import and export of waste to visit SAWIC and look at updated documents to familiarize themselves with the requirements of the Basel Convention so that they submit all the relevant required documentation when applying for authorization for trans-boundary movement of waste.

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## EYE ON IT

On 02 June 2014 the following pieces of legislation came into operation: The National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act, 2014 (Act No. 25 of 2014) and The National Environmental Management: Waste Amendment Act, 2014 (Act No. 26 of 2014).

Readers are advised to familiarise themselves with the contents of these legislation.

Copies of these legislation are obtainable on the South African Waste Information Centre (SAWIC).

<http://sawic.environment.gov.za>

## THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS-INDUSTRY WASTE MANAGEMENT FORUM

The Chemicals and Waste Management Branch of the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has established a DEA-Industry Waste Management Forum. The motivation for the establishment of the Forum was discussed at a meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2014 between the DEA's DDG for Chemicals and Waste Management and BUSA affiliated industry CEOs and industry sectors Executive Directors. The participants appreciated the intention of the Branch to establish the Forum, which will focus on the implementation of certain aspects of the Waste Act. The Forum hosted its inaugural meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2014.

The overall aim for the DEA-Industry Waste Management Forum is to create a platform where industry and government can work together towards the implementation of certain aspects of the Waste Act. The objectives of the Forum are as follows:

- To create a platform for representatives of various industry sectors to raise issues relating to industry waste management and compliance with the Waste Act.
- To share local best practice with the relevant role players on industrial waste management.
- To keep industry associations updated on all current issues pertinent to industrial waste management.
- To build capacity in industry, with particular attention to small, medium and micro enterprises, to respond to the challenges of waste management.
- To promote compliance with legislation.

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