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### DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. 4204

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#### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

#### EXTENSION OF THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE REGULATIONS TO DOMESTICATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ROTTERDAM CONVENTION ON THE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, 2023

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby, in terms of section 25(3) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), extend the commencement date of the Regulations to domesticate the requirements of the Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in the international trade, 2023 as set out in the Schedule hereto.

The further extension is necessary to allow consideration of comments submitted on the proposed amendments to these Regulations, which comment period closed late in November 2023.



**BARBARA DALLAS CREECY**  
**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

## SCHEDULE

### Definitions

1. In these Regulations, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act bears that meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates —

**“the Regulations”** means the Regulations to domesticate the requirements of the Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade, 2023, published under Government Notice No. R. 3072, in Government Gazette No. 48098 on 17 February 2023; and

**“the Act”** means the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

### Amendment of regulation 13 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 13 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

**“(2) These Regulations will commence 480 days from the date of publication in the Government Gazette.”**