

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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**NATIONAL VELD AND FOREST FIRE ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 101 OF 1998)**

**CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
REGULATIONS, 2003**

I, Willem Abraham Stephanus Aucamp, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby in terms of section 21(1) of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998), give notice of my intention to amend the Fire Protection Association Regulations, 2003, published in Government Gazette No. 25137 of Government Notice R.953 on 4 July 2003, as set out in the Schedule hereto.

Members of the public are invited to submit, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice in the Government Gazette, or in a national newspaper, whichever date comes last, written representations to the following addresses:

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Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.



WILLEM ABRAHAM STEPHANUS AUCAMP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Schedule any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, will bear that same meaning, and unless the context indicates otherwise —
"the Regulations" means the Fire Protection Association Regulations, 2003, published in Government Gazette No. 25137 of Government Notice R.953 on 4 July 2003.

Amendment to regulation 3 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 3 of the Regulations is hereby amended by:
 - (a) the substitution for subregulation 3(1) of the following subregulation:
"3. Formation of a fire protection association.— (1) Owners, including the municipality concerned, or a traditional council established in terms of section 16 of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, who wish to form a fire protection association for the purpose of predicting, preventing, managing and extinguishing veldfires, must form a fire protection association at a founding meeting.";
 - (b) the addition after subregulation (13) of the following subregulation:
"(14) The owner in respect of State land, a state-owned enterprise, a public entity or an organ of state must, join a registered fire protection association in the area in which the land is situated."

Amendment to regulation 6 of the Regulations

3. Regulation 6 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for subregulation 6(6) of the following subregulation:
"(6) If the Minister, is satisfied that the fire protection association qualifies for registration in terms of section 4(4) of the Act, to fulfil certain conditions after registration, the Minister must —
 - (a) enter the fire protection association in a register of fire protection associations;
 - (b) issue a registration certificate and a registration number; and
 - (c) inform the fire protection association in writing of the conditions it must fulfil once it has been registered and the time period within which it must do so."