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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

NO. R. 8123 **30 October 2026**

REFUGEES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 130 OF 1998)

NOTICE TO REQUIRE A CATEGORY OF ASYLUM SEEKERS TO REPORT AT BEITBRIDGE REFUGEE RECEPTION OFFICE

1. Section 21(1C) of the Refugees Act, 1998 (Act No. 130 of 1998) (the "Act") empowers the Director-General [of the Department of Home Affairs ("DHA")], if he or she considers it necessary for the proper administration of the Act, to, by notice in the *Gazette*, require any category of asylum seekers to report to any particular or designated Refugee Reception Office or other place specially designated as such when lodging an application for asylum.

2. In view of section 21(1C) of the Act, the Director-General intends to request the following categories of asylum seekers to, in person, apply for asylum at the Beitbridge Refugee Reception Office, Limpopo Province:
   (a) Any person who entered the Republic of South Africa (the "Republic") through the following ports of entry:
      (i) Beitbridge;
      (ii) Derdepoort;
      (iii) Giriyondo;
      (iv) Groblersbrug;
      (v) Kopfontein;
      (vi) Pafuri;
      (vii) Platjan;
      (viii) Pontdrift;
      (ix) Ramatlabama;

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(x) Skilpadshek;
(xi) Stockpoort; and
(xii) Swartkopfontein; and

(b) any asylum seeker who cannot provide proof of entry into the Republic through a port of entry other than those listed in paragraph (a) above, and whose entry through such other port cannot be verified on the Department's systems, including any new asylum seeker scheduled through the online solution who falls within this category.

3. The DHA hereby invites public comments from interested persons or institutions relating to the above.

4. Written submissions should be addressed to the Chief Director: Legal Services, marked for the attention of Adv Moses Malakate, and must reach the DHA **on or before 30 November 2026**. Submissions may be sent in any of the following ways:

(a) Delivered by hand to the DHA, Hallmark Building, 230 Johannes Ramokhoase Street, PRETORIA;
(b) Mailed to the DHA at Private Bag X114, PRETORIA, 0001; or
(c) E-mailed to Moses.Malakate@dha.gov.za.

5. Any enquiries should be directed to **Adv Moses Malakate** at **(012) 406 4023 / 4273**.