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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**NO. 6476****1 August 2025****CLIMATE CHANGE ACT, 2024 (ACT NO. 22 of 2024)****PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS CARBON BUDGET AND MITIGATION PLAN REGULATIONS, WHICH INCLUDE THE DECLARATION OF THE LIST OF GREENHOUSE GASES AND ACTIVITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment hereby in terms of sections 30(2)(a)(i), 26, 27, 31, and 32 of the Climate Change Act, 2024 (Act No. 22 of 2024) (the Act), publish the draft National Greenhouse Gas Carbon Budget and Mitigation Plan Regulations which include the declaration of the List of Greenhouse Gases and Activities (the draft Regulations) in the *Government Gazette* for public comment, as set out in the Schedule hereto.

The draft Regulations set out the requirements necessary for allocating, implementing, and enforcing any approved carbon budget and associated mitigation plan. With respect to carbon budgets, the draft Regulations provide for mandatory allocation; progress tracking; compliance assessment and enforcement. With respect to mitigation plans, the draft Regulations provide for mandatory implementation of interventions; and mechanisms for the Department to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the plans.

The draft Regulations apply to all Data Providers as defined in paragraph 1 of these Regulations. Section 26 of the Act empowers the Minister to develop a list of greenhouse gases which the Minister reasonably believes cause or are likely to cause or exacerbate climate change. The Minister is enabled to also publish a list of activities which emit, or has the potential to emit, one or more of the greenhouse gases as listed in these Regulations. These Regulations will repeal the Pollution Prevention Plan Regulations published in Government Notice No. R.712 in *Government Gazette* No. 40996 of 21 July 2017 as amended. These Regulations will also repeal the list of Greenhouse Gases as Priority Air Pollutants published in Government Notice No. R.710 in *Government Gazette* No. 40996 of 21 July 2017, in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004).

Members of the public are invited to submit within 60 (sixty) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *Government Gazette*, or the newspaper, whichever date occurs last, written comments to any of the following addresses:

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Members of the public can access the draft Regulations from the Departmental website at www.dfre.gov.za, under publications for comment, or www.gpwonline.co.za.

Any inquiries in connection with the draft Regulations can be directed to Mr. Jongikhaya Witi at Tel: 0123999048 Cell: 0839919913 or by email: jwiti@dfre.gov.za

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013). Comments received and responses thereto are collated into a comments and response report which will be made available to the public as part of the consultation process. If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company/ organisation, being made publicly available in the comments and responses report, such objection should be highlighted in bold as part of the comments submitted in response to this Government Notice.



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