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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 10 OF 2004)

#### DRAFT NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR THE REGULATION OF THE HUNTING INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AFRICA

I, Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby publish in terms of Section 9(1)(a) read with Section 100 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) for public comment the draft Norms and Standards for the Regulation of the Hunting Industry in South Africa in the Schedule hereto.

Any person who wishes to submit written representations and/or objections to the proposed norms and standards is invited to do so within 30 days of the publication of this notice. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the following addresses:


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Any inquiries in connection with the draft regulations can be directed to Ms. Olga Kumalo at Tel. (012) 310-3573. Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.

  
**BUYELWA SONJICA**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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### **DRAFT NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR THE REGULATION OF THE HUNTING INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AFRICA**

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## CHAPTER 1

### INTERPRETATION, PURPOSE AND APPLICATION OF THIS SCHEDULE

#### Definitions

1. In these Norms and Standards, unless the context indicates otherwise, a word or expression defined in the Biodiversity Act has the same meaning, and—

**“agent”** means a person or a legal entity that advertises, organizes, sells or presents the hunt of an indigenous wild animal and/or exotic animal on behalf of a hunting outfitter, whether or not for commission or for gain;

**“associate professional hunter”** means a person who is capable to perform the functions of a professional hunter, but lacks the ability to execute the administrative duties that are required from a professional hunter;

**“Biodiversity Act”** means the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No.10 of 2004);

**“bow and arrow”** means an instrument consisting of a body and string designed to launch and propel an arrow;

**“centre fire”** means ammunition that is ignited by a primer fitted in the centre of the base of the cartridge;

**“dangerous game”** means an elephant, rhinoceros, buffalo, lion, leopard or hippopotamus;

**“designated official”** means an official from the issuing authority who is—

- (a) responsible for the regulation of the professional hunting industry in the province; and
- (b) a member of the Inter-Provincial Professional Hunting Committee;

**“exotic animal”** means a vertebrate animal of which the natural distribution falls outside the borders of the Republic, but occurs in a free state in the Republic as a result of human introduction;

**“feathered game”** means any bird but excluding ostrich;

**“furred game”** means any wild mammal;

**“game birds”** means birds declared open for hunting in terms of provincial hunting proclamations;

**“game bird hunting”** means the activity of hunting gamebirds using shotguns and bird-dogs;

**“handgun”** means a handheld firearm that can be operated without a shoulder mounted stock;

**“humane”** means a condition that does not conflict with the prevailing societal norms and applicable legal requirements relating to cruelty against animals, and does not cause unnecessary suffering of the individual hunted animal or distress to other animals in the vicinity of the hunted animal;

**“hunt”** has the meaning as defined in the TOPS Regulations;

**“hunter”** means any person who undertakes the restricted activity of hunting;

**“hunting authorization”** means a permit, licence, certificate or any other document issued by the issuing authority in terms of the Biodiversity Act or provincial conservation legislation, and which authorizes a person to lawfully hunt a wild animal;

**“hunting client”** means a natural person who—

- (a) is not normally a resident in the Republic; and
- (b) pays or rewards any other person for or in connection with the hunting of a wild animal or exotic animal;