

Legislative Updates August 2025

Dear Exclaim Family,

Welcome to this quarter's regulatory digest, providing a curated overview of recent legislative developments across agriculture, energy, health, finance, mining, and safety.

This edition highlights multiple statutory amendments, new regulations, and compliance updates incorporated into the Exclaim and Compliance Libraries. From nuclear regulation, plant breeders' rights and water standards to mental health care and mining safety, South Africa's evolving legal landscape demands timely awareness and integration, ensuring stakeholders remain informed and aligned.

We have detailed all these changes in this newsletter from 1 May 2025 to 31 July 2025.

Please contact us if you require any assistance.

Kindest Regards

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Exclaim Updates Guide

Exclaim provides a guide on how to access and navigate the updates on the Exclaim Software, making it extremely easy to manage compliance in respect of the legislative updates set out herein.



Legislative and Regulatory Highlights

1. Agriculture

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- **Agricultural Pests Act, 1983**

- The Minister of Agriculture, acting under section 6 of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983), amended the Control Measures to Prevent and Combat the Spreading of Pathogens, Insects and Exotic Animals, by the insertion of definitions, amendment of control measure 4(3) & Tables, and substitution of control measures 6 & 8. (GoN 6224)

Incorporated the amended Control Measures in the Exclaim Library.

- **Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990**

- The Minister of Agriculture, under section 15 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), published the Regulations relating to grading, packing and marking of sorghum products intended for sale in the Republic, effective 12 months after publication. (GoN 6225)
- The Minister of Agriculture, under section 15 of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), published the Regulations relating to meat analogues intended for sale in the Republic, effective 12 months after publication. (GoN 6436)

Incorporated the Regulations into the Exclaim Library and Regulatory Universe for rating.

- **Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996**

- The Minister of Agriculture, acting under sections 13 and 15 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, established the statutory measure and determined levies relating to lupins (GoN 6437)

Incorporated the statutory measures in the Compliance Library.

- **Plant Breeders' Rights Act, 2018**

- The Minister of Agriculture, by order of the President, determined the 1st of June 2025 as the commencement date of the Plant Breeders' Rights Act of 2018, thereby the Plant Breeders' Rights Act of 1976 is repealed. (GoN 6285)

The Act document has already been incorporated into the Exclaim Library and the Regulatory Universe for rating.

- The Minister of Agriculture, in terms of section 54 of the Plant Breeders' Rights Act, 2018 (Act No. 12 of 2018), published the new Regulations under this Act. (GoN 6302)

Incorporated the new Regulations into the Exclaim Library and Regulatory Universe for rating.

2. Constitutional Issues

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- **Border Management Authority Act, 2020**

- The Minister of Home Affairs, in terms of section 36 of the Border Management Authority Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 of 2020), published the Border Management Authority Regulations. (GoN 6268)

Incorporated the new Regulations into the Exclaim Library and Regulatory Universe for rating.

- **Identification Act, 1997**

- The Minister of Home Affairs, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, and under section 22 of the Identification Act, 1997 (Act No. 68 of 1997), amended regulation 15 of the Identification Regulations. (GoN 6336)

Incorporated the amendments in the Exclaim Library.

3. Energy

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- **Electricity Regulation Act, 2006**

- The National Energy Regulator of South Africa, in terms of section 35(1)(a), (b) & (c) of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006), published the Net-Billing Rules. (GoN 6262)

Incorporated the Rules in the Compliance Library.

- **National Nuclear Regulator Act, 1999**

- The commencement of the National Nuclear Regulator Amendment Act 26 of 2024 amends sections 1-3, 5-9, 12, 14-17, 20, 22, 24, 33, 34-39, 41, 47-49, 51 & 52, substitutes sections 18, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32 & 40 and inserts section 26A of the National Nuclear Regulator Act, 1999. (Proc 266)

Incorporated the amendments in the Exclaim Library and updated the checklist accordingly.

4. Environmental

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- **Water Services Act, 1997**

- The Minister of Water and Sanitation, in terms of section 9(1) of the Water Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997), prescribed the revised Compulsory National Water and Sanitation Services Standards. (GoN 6292)

Incorporated the revised Standards in the Exclaim Library.

5. Finance

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- **Banks Act, 1990**

- The Minister of Finance, in terms of section 90 of the Banks Act, 1990 (Act No. 94 of 1990), amended the Regulations relating to Banks by the amendment of regulations 23, 24, 31, 33, 388, 39, 51 and 67. (GoN 6342)

Incorporated the amendments in the Compliance Library.

6. Government

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- **State Information Technology Agency Act, 1998**

- The Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders and the Minister of Finance, amended the General Regulations by inserting sub-regulation 17.8. (Proc 261)

Incorporated the amendments in the Exclaim Library.

7. Health and safety

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- **Mental Health Care Act, 2002**

- The Minister of Health, in terms of section 66 of the Mental Health Care Act, 2002 (Act No. 17 of 2002), issued the Regulations for Licensing Community Mental Health Day Care and Residential Care Facilities for people with mental illness and or severe or profound intellectual disability.

As a consequence of the new Regulations, Section 43 of the General Regulations is repealed. (GoN 6326)

Incorporated the amendments in the Exclaim Library.

- **Pharmacy Act, 1974**

- The South African Pharmacy Council published, for implementation, amendments to the minimum standards as contained in Annexure A of the Rules relating to good pharmacy practice. (BN 794)

Incorporated the amendments in the Exclaim Library.

- The South African Pharmacy Council, in terms of Section 33(o) of the Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974, published for implementation the Competency standards for a specialist pharmacist who provides industrial pharmaceutical services in South Africa. (BN 782)

Incorporated the Standards in the Compliance Library.

8. Human rights

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- **Children's Act, 2005**

- The commencement of Sections 4, 5, 8(e), 11 and 12 of the Children's Amendment Act, 2022 (Act No. 17 of 2022), brought into effect the amendment of sections 105, 142, 156, 160 and 183 of the Children's Act, 2005 (Act No.38 of 2005). (Proc 263)

Incorporated the amendments in the Exclaim Library.

9. Mining and Minerals

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- **Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996**

- The Chief Inspector of Mines, in terms of section 49 (6) read together with sections 9 (2) and 9 (3) of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act No. 29 of 1996), issued the following Guidelines:
 - Guideline for a Mandatory Code of Practice for Road and Rail Management Safety in the South African Mining Industry. (GoN 6286)
 - Guideline for Mandatory Code of Practice for Change Management (GoN 6328)
 - Guideline for Mandatory Code of Practice on Prevention of Fires (GoN 6329)

Incorporated the new Guidelines into the Exclaim Library and Regulatory Universe for rating.

- The Chief Inspector of Mines, in terms of section 49 (6) read together with sections 9 (2) and 9 (3) of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act No. 29 of 1996), issued the Guidance note for the Prevention and Management of Non-communicable Diseases and Mental Health Disorders in the South Africa Mining Industry published (GN 6443).

Incorporated the Guidance Notes into the Compliance Library.

10. Professions

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• Legal Practice Act, 2014

- The Legal Practice Council amended the Rules of the Council made under Section 95(1)(a) of the Legal Practice Act, 2014 (Act No. 28 of 2014), by the amendment of rule 5.2. (GeN 3166)
- The Legal Practice Council amended the Rules of the Council made under Section 95(1)(n) read with Section 26(1)(d), (2) and (3), of the Legal Practice Act, 2014 (Act No. 28 of 2014), by amending the wording of Rule 21.4 of the Legal Practice Council Rules and inserting sub-rules 21.4.1 and 21.4.2. (GeN 3168)

Incorporated the amended Rules in the Exclaim Library.

11. Security

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• South African Police Service Act, 1995

- The Minister of Police, under Section 24(1)(eeA) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995), substituted Regulations 2, 3, and 5 of the South African Police Service Regulations for the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation. (GoN 6333)

Incorporated the amendments in the Exclaim Library.

- The National Commissioner, under Section 64L(1) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995), issued the Revised National Standards of Policing for Municipal Police Services regarding crowd management during gatherings, demonstrations and arrest and treatment of arrested persons until handed over to community service centre commander. (GoN 6334)

Incorporated the revised Standards in the Exclaim Library and Regulatory Universe for rating.

12. Transport

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- **Railway Safety Act, 2024**

- The Minister of Cabinet, by order of the President, determined the 1st of August 2025 as the commencement date of the Railway Safety Act, 2024 (Act No. 30 of 2024) except for sections 4, 34-35, 38, 48, 50-52, 54-56, 62, 64-65 and 68. The long-standing National Railway Safety Regulator Act of 2002 is thereby repealed. (Proc 269)

The Act document has already been incorporated into the Exclaim Library and the Regulatory Universe for rating.

Understanding the Updates

Exclaim Updates Guide

The legislative updates within Exclaim Integrated are comprehensive and, therefore, require a quick highlight of the functionality.

1. Legal Alerts

Exclaim Innovations, in co-operation with Juta, provides a weekly update of all legislative changes. These include new developments, Bills, and Notices from the Government. The user requires a subscription to this newsletter. On subscription, Exclaim will provide the user with a Username and Password.

To access the Alerts, navigate to the library option on the menu and select the Alerts tab. Then select the Legal Alerts section. This button will provide a hyperlink to the Juta website. Enter your username and password on this webpage.

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Exclaim Innovations in collaboration with JUTA is providing access to the latest legislative changes.
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2. Quarterly Legislative Updates

Exclaim Innovations will provide information on all legislative amendments to statutory legislation and accordingly update the checklists and act or subordinate documents relating to these updates.

2.1 Newsletter

A comprehensive newsletter will be compiled to document all legislative changes for the quarter. This newsletter will be available on the Library/ Alerts option as well.

Quarterly Legislative Updates

Details pertaining to all legislative amendments and changes to the checklists are recorded in the Compliance Library.
To view the latest quarterly update newsletter select here



This newsletter, along with all the relevant government notices, will also be made available in our Exclaim Compliance Library. Click on the “select here” option in the software, and the hyperlink to this website will open. This website will also provide access to archives and historic newsletters.

3. Checklist Updates

Legislative changes might affect the requirements in the checklist. We will list the changes to the checklists in the newsletter and indicate the detailed changes in the individual checklists. Navigate to the checklist page and then select the amended checklist. Then, on the Select action box, select the Updates option.

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Pension Funds Act: Regulations: Amendments (GoN 2230 in GG 46649 of 1 July 2022)

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Checklist Reference

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New Requirements (s)

Regulation 28

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Requires Assessment

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The upper section reflects the notice amending the checklist and the bottom section reflects the extend of the amendment e.g. new requirement, require assessment or for notification.

4. Action required on the checklists

		GENERAL				
	153	PENSION FUNDS REGULATIONS: PART VII GENERAL	Asset limits	Regulation 28(3)(f)		Not Assessed
	154	PENSION FUNDS REGULATIONS: PART VII GENERAL	Asset limits	Regulation 28(3)(i)		Not Assessed
	155	PENSION FUNDS REGULATIONS: PART VII GENERAL	Asset limits	Regulation 28(3)(j)		
	156	PENSION FUNDS REGULATIONS: PART VII GENERAL	Look-through	Regulation 28(4)		

Where an assessment is required the review button should be ticked to indicate that a re-assessment was completed.

Requirements

Does the fund ensure that the aggregate exposure to assets specified in sub-section (i) to (vi) does not exceed 45 percent of the aggregate fair value of the total assets of the fund?

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	November 2022	PART VII GENERAL	Asset	
☐				Does the fund ensure that the aggregate exposure to assets does not exceed the specified percent of the aggregate fair value of the total asset of the Fund?