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Herewith the highlights of the Government Gazettes published on the 18th of September 2020.

1. Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development intends to introduce the Agricultural Produce Agents Amendment Bill 2020.

Minister has announced Department's intention to introduce the Agricultural Produce Agents Amendment Bill 2020 in the National Assembly during the fourth quarter of 2020. The [Bill](#) seeks to amend the Agricultural Produce Agents Act, 1992 so as to refine certain definitions, provide for certain provisions of the Agricultural Produce Agents Act, 1992, to apply to all categories of agents and to further clarify the conditions for acting as an agent, to name a few. A copy of the Bill is not yet available but will be obtainable after introduction from Government Printer in Cape Town and Pretoria and via post and email from the Director General of the Department. Notice was published on 18 September 2020.

2. Department of Water and Sanitation extends compliance period of water measuring devices.

Acting Director General has thus decided to extend the period required to install water measuring devices from 30 working days to 120 working days, this is with regards to the water measuring devices that to be installed for the irrigation purposes. This follows the government notices published on [23 February 2018](#) and [17 January 2020](#), for both water users within the water management institutions and those who are not members of the water management institutions. It should be noted that only the compliance period has been amended, whereas all the other requirements still apply per previous publications. [Notice](#) was published 18 September 2020.

3. Department of Water and Sanitation determines water reserve under the National Water Act, 1998.

The Minister has published under section 13 of the said Act and Regulation 3 of the Regulations for the Establishment of Water Resource Classification System as well as under section 16(1) of the Act, the proposed [Reserve](#) for water resources of the Mokolo and Matlabas catchments. The proposed Reserve includes the Ecological Water Requirements and Basic Human Needs Reserve for the Rivers at EWR sites and the selected biophysical node in the Mokolo and Matlabas catchments. Interested parties with comments to the propose Reserve are to submit written comments to the Director of Reserve Determination no later than 17 November 2020.

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4. Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries published alien and Invasive Species list under the NEMBA, 2004.

Minister has published a list of what can be regarded as [Alien and Invasive Species](#) under the National Environment Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004. The list comprises of 3 notices thereto, of which the first notice is for categories 1a and b, 2 and 3, listee activities and certain restricted activities. The second notice is for exempted species in terms of section 66(1), and the third notice is the national lists of invasive species in terms of section 70(1) of the Act.

It is imperative that these notices be read together with the Alien and Invasive Species Regulations. It should be noted that these notices shall take effect from 18 October 2020, and that these notices replace and repeal any Alien and Invasive Species lists published under the Act, and this includes the one published on [29 July 2016](#). Notice was published on 18 September 2020.

5. Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development amends published order of the Land Claims Court granted on 29 April 2013.

The said order of the Land Claims Court was for the farms which were [claimed](#) by Ngwanamohube Dina Seloane and Phasoane Solomon Seloane on behalf of the Batau Ba Seloane Tribe, under case number LCC176/2011 and were thus omitted from the government notice 1779 of 2006 and 811 of 2007. The details of the claimed properties are thus included in this published government notice. Notice was published on 18 September 2020.

6. Road Accident Fund adjusts statutory limit of claims arising for loss of income and loss of support.

Road Accident Fund has adjusted the [statutory limit](#) in respect of claims arising from loss of income and loss of support to R295 322, under subsection 17(4)(c) in accordance with section 17(4A)(a) of the Road Accident Fund Act, 1996, and this is with retrospective effect from 31 July 2020. It should be noted that the CPI used to determine the above amount is based on the March 202 index due to limitations caused by Covid-19. Notice was published on 18 September 2020.

7. South African Reserve Bank published notice of withdrawal of Netcare Life Limited, under the Insurance Act, 2017.

Deputy Governor and CEO of the Prudential Authority of SARB, has published the [withdrawal](#) of license of Netcare Life Limited acting under section 29(1) of the Insurance Act, 2017, with effect from 1 September 2020. Notice was published on 18 September 2020.

8. Pension Funds Amendment Bill to be introduced as a private members Bill in Parliament.

Parliament has given notice of the intention by a Private Member to introduce and amend the Pension Funds Act, 1956. The object of the [Bill](#) is to allow pension fund members to obtain a loan which will be secured by a guarantee from a registered

pension by a maximum of 75% of their share value of the fund, in order to alleviate the financial pressure during Covid-19 emergency or a similar emergency. Interested and affected parties can send comments directly to the Speaker of the National Assembly before the 17th of October 2020. The latest version of the Bill has not yet been published. Notice was published on 18 September 2020.

9. Competition Tribunal approves mergers and acquisitions

The Competition Tribunal is responsible for approving mergers and acquisitions by companies, and this latest publication, the following mergers have been [approved](#): The Trustees for the time being by EA Waterfall Logistics JV (Pty) Ltd, Unilever N.V by Unilever PLC, Suidwes Holdings (Ring Fenced) (Pty) Ltd by Senwesbel Ltd and Senwes Ltd, Dental Information Systems (Pty) Ltd by Afrocentric Health (RF) (Pty) Ltd and Link Market Service Sout Africa(Pty) Ltd by JSE Ltd. Notice was published on 18 September 2020.

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