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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 853 OF 2013**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS****NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004****(ACT NO. 10 OF 2004)****EXEMPTION OF VETERINARIANS FROM CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO THE CARRYING OUT OF RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES INVOLVING THREATENED OR PROTECTED SPECIES**

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby give notice of my intention to exempt veterinarians from certain restrictions relating to the carrying out of restricted activities involving threatened or protected species, under section 57(4) read with section 100 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No.10 of 2004), set out in the Schedule hereto.

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister, within 30 (thirty) days after the publication of the notice in the *Gazette*, written comments or inputs to the following addresses:

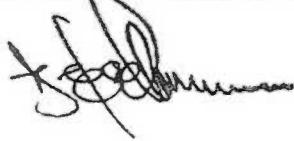
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Any inquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Ms Mamelato at 012 310 3013.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.



BOMO EDITH EDNA MOLEWA
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

SCHEDULE

1. DEFINITIONS

“**planned management intervention**” means any restricted activity that is planned in advance to be carried out in relation to the management of a threatened or protected species, and includes, but is not limited to, the translocation of a specimen of a threatened or protected species, or restricted activities relating to the marking of specimens or collection of DNA material.

“**treatment**” means the attempted remediation of a health problem, usually following a diagnosis, and includes the process involved to make a diagnosis, as well as preventive treatment or prophylactic treatment intended to prevent a medical condition from occurring.

2. EXEMPTION

Veterinarians registered with the South African Veterinary Council are exempt from permits required in terms of section 57(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No.10 of 2004) for the carrying out of restricted activities that are necessary for the treatment of threatened or protected species, excluding the following activities for which permits must be obtained:

- a. importing/ exporting,
- b. selling or otherwise trading in, and buying, and
- c. restricted activities carried out in terms of a planned management intervention.

3. COMMENCEMENT DATE

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