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AMENDMENTS OF THE GUIDELINES OF HEMP CULTIVATION (LOW THC CANNABIS) FOR AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

Dear Stakeholders

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development has amended the guidelines for hemp (low THC cannabis) for cultivation. The guidelines outline procedures in terms of the requirements and applications process required to comply with the legislative requirements for industrial hemp cultivation in South Africa.

The following are amended, therefore are no applicable when applying for a hemp permit:

1. Fencing for the cultivated site
2. Maximum size allowed of 50 hectares.
3. Police clearance certificate.

The existing permit holders must notify the Registrar in writing if they intend to increase the number of hectareage. These amendments will apply as of the 1st October 2023.

For further information please contact the following numbers 012 319 6150/6224/6225/6092.

Yours sincerely

REGISTRAR: PLANT IMPROVEMENT ACT 1976 (ACT NO 53 OF 1976)

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