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CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES ON
PERFORMING ANIMALS PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL [B9 - 2015],
PLANT IMPROVEMENT BILL [B8 - 2015] AND PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS BILL [B11-2015]

In line with Parliament's core objective of facilitating public participation and involvement in legislative processes, the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries will conduct Public Hearings in Parliament on the Performing Animals Protection Amendment Bill [B9 - 2015], Plant Improvement Bill [B8 - 2015] and Plant Breeders' Rights Bill [B11 - 2015] on Tuesday, 5 and Wednesday, 6 May 2015.

The Performing Animals Protection Amendment Bill [B9 - 2015] seeks to amend the Performing Animals Protection Act, 1935 (Act No. 24 of 1935), so as to insert certain definitions; to provide for the designation of a National Licensing Officer; to provide for a procedure for the application for a licence to exhibit, train or use of an animal for safeguarding; to provide for the functions of a National Licensing Officer; to provide for the issuance of licences; to provide for an appeals process; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

The Plant Improvement Bill [B8 - 2015] seeks to provide for the registration of certain types of business relating to plants and propagating material intended for cultivation and sale and the registration of premises on or from which that business is conducted; provide for quality standards for plants and propagating material intended for cultivation and sale and conditions of sale of plants and propagating material; provide a system for national listing of plant varieties; provide for the evaluation of plant varieties in order to ensure value if there is doubt in respect of the value for cultivation and use of plant varieties intended for cultivation and sale; provide for import and export control of plants and propagating material; provide a system for different types of schemes for plants and propagating material; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

The Plant Breeders' Rights Bill [B11 - 2015] seeks to provide for a system whereunder plant breeders' rights relating to varieties of certain kinds of plants may be granted; for the requirements that have to be complied with for the granting of such rights; for the scope and protection of such rights; for the granting of licenses in respect of the exercise of such rights; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Interested individuals and interest groups wishing to comment on the above-mentioned Bills are kindly requested to forward written submissions to the Portfolio Committee by no later than **Friday, 01 May 2015**. Stakeholders interested in making oral submissions are also requested to make a written request or contact our office by no later than **Friday, 01 May 2015**.

All correspondence should be addressed to Ms Machwene Rosina Semenya, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and marked for the attention of Ms Albertina Kakaza, PO Box 15, Parliament of South Africa, Cape Town, 8000 or E-mail to akakaza@parliament.gov.za or fax: 086 694 3529, telephone: (021) 403 3765 or 083 709 8391.

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