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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 410 OF 2001

#### DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

#### PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL FOREST AND FIRE LAWS AMENDMENT BILL, 2000

The Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry intends introducing the National Forest and Fire Laws Amendment Bill, 2000 in the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces during the second term. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly and Rule 186(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Council of Provinces.

The Bill seeks to amend the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) and the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998), so as to improve their wording.

The Bill provides for:

#### **The National Forests Act, 1998**

the improvement of the definitions of "State land" and "trust forest" to accommodate community forestry and to allow for a more accurate survey of trust forests; the addition of further activities that are prohibited in natural forests and in respect of protected trees; the protection of species; the licensing of activities in terms of forestry contracts; the Minister to have a discretion in levying licence fees; the period for which long- and short-term forestry contracts are to run, including renewal periods; the improvement of the consultative procedure to be followed by the Minister where he intends to reserve land for forestry; the improvement of the procedure for the promulgation of regulations; the refining of the Minister's power to issue tariffs in respect of the sale of forest produce or forest products by the Department or other entities; the widening of the prohibition on dealing with protected trees and their produce or products; the acknowledgement that although SAFCOL may not own state forest land, it does, in terms of its contracts, own the forests and assets it controls; structural and textual improvements.

#### **The National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998**

the co-operation of fire protection associations in the fighting of fires irrespective of where they occur; the encouragement of municipal fire officers to make themselves available for appointment as fire protection officers and the simplification of procedures for their appointment; the setting of parameters within which a fire danger rating system must operate; the improvement of the procedure for the promulgation of regulations; structural and textual improvements.

Copies of the Bill may be obtained from:

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