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**PROCLAMATION NOTICE 314 OF 2026**

***By the President of the Republic of South Africa***

**COMMENCEMENT OF SECTION 8 OF THE NATIONAL SMALL ENTERPRISE AMENDMENT ACT, 2024 (Act No. 21 of 2024)**

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of section 12 of the National Small Enterprise Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No. 21 of 2024)(the Act), I hereby determine the date of publication of the proclamation as the date on which section 8 of the said Act shall come into operation.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at PRETORIA on this 11 day of MAY Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

**PRESIDENT**

**MINISTER OF CABINET**

## PROKLAMASIE KENNISGEWING 314 VAN 2026

**Van die President van Republiek van Suid-Afrika**

### INWERKINGTREDING VAN BEPAALDE ARTIKEL 8 VAN DIE NASIONALE KLEINONDERNEMINGSWYSIGINGSWET, 2024 (Wet No. 21 of 2024)

Uit hoofde van die bevoegdheid aan my verleen ingevolge artikel 12 van die Nasionale Kleinondernemingswysigingswet, 2024 (Wet No. 21 van 2024), bepaal ek hiermee.die dag van publikasie van die proklumasie as die datum waarop artikel 8 van gemelde Wet in werking tree.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te PRETORIA op hier die 11 ste/de dag van MEI Twee Duisend Ses en Twintig.

**PRESIDENT**

**MINISTER VAN DIE KABINET**

**GENERAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE ___OF 2025**

**DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 102 OF 1996)**

**FINAL REGULATIONS SETTING THE CRITERIA DETERMINING THE CLASSIFICATION OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES**

I, Ms Stella Ndabeni, Minister of Small Business Development, in terms of section 20(20 of the National Small Enterprise Act, 1996 (Act 102 of 1996) as amended, hereby proclaim the regulations setting the criteria to determine the classification of micro, small and medium enterprises.

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**Ms Stella Ndabeni (MP)**

**MINISTER OF SMALL BUSINES DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE:** 11 April 2026

**Criteria to determine the classification of micro, small and medium enterprises**

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Colum 3 | Column 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sectors or sub-sectors in accordance with the Standard Industrial Classification | Size or class of enterprise | Total full-time equivalent of paid employees | Total annual turnover - Rand |
| Agriculture | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤ 100 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 45 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 15 million |
| Mining and Quarrying | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤400 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 70,0 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 25 million |
| Manufacturing | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤350 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 70,0 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 15,0 million |
| Electricity, Gas and Water | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤350 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 70 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 15 million |
| Construction | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤150 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 40 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 10 million |
| Retail, Trade and Repair services | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤ 300 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 80 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 15 million |
| Wholesale | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤600 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 150 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 30 million |
| Catering and Accommodation | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤ 60 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 20 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 6 million |
| Transport, Storage and Communications | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤ 300 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 80 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 15 million |
| Financial Intermediation | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤ 160 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 45 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 10 million |
| Community, Social and Personal Services | Medium | 51- 250 | ≤ 150 million |
| | Small | 11- 50 | ≤ 35 million |
| | Micro | 0-10 | ≤ 10 million |

Note:

Caution should be taken when applying the threshold for firms operating within the regulated industries, i.e. fuel industry, as third of their turnover consists of taxes and mandatory government levies and given the regulated low profit margines with sizable turnovers it is important to remain sustainable. Therefore, this should be taken into consideration when determining the size levels of small enterprises for such firms operating within this space.

**PRESIDENT'S MINUTE NO.....150/.....2026**

I hereby, in terms of section 12 of National Small Enterprise Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No. 21of 2024)(the Act), by means of the accompanying proclamations in English and Afrikaans, determine the date of publication of the attached proclamation as the date on which the section 8 of the Act shall come into operation.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at PRETORIA on this 11 day of MAY Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

**PRESIDENT**

**MINISTER OF CABINET**

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