

Policy and Legislation

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Introduction

- Policy and legislation provide the regulatory framework within which a society must grow and develop
- It must provide an environment that enables personal well-being and development through education, health and security for its citizens, as well as an enabling environment for business and economic development.
- Policy uncertainty in a number of areas remains a deterrent to investment in agriculture, and consequently agribusiness as well.
- This is continually conveyed to government through various forums, including Parliament and Nedlac, as well as directly to various Government Departments, including DAFF, DRDLR, *the dti*, etc.



Key land reform policy and legislation

- Revision of the Expropriation Bill in Parliament, following the Bill's return to Parliament;
- The possible introduction of the Regulation of Land Holdings Bill, which proposes land ceilings and the prohibition of agricultural land ownership by foreigners, into the legislative process; and
- Revision of the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Bill by Parliament, after having been suspended by the Constitutional Court.
- Finalisation of the Extension of Security of Tenure Amendment Bill - currently in Parliament.
- Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Framework Bill – currently at Nedlac.
- Other policy and legislation as well
- Agbiz/BASA Initiative



Other policy and legislation

- The Carbon Tax Bill;
- The National Skills Development and Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETA) policy revision;
- The Border Management Agency Bill;
- The Liquor Amendment Bill;
- New legislation governing the water environment and giving effect to the cabinet-adopted National Water Resource Strategy Version 2 (Water Amendment Bill & Revision of the Pricing Strategy for Water Use Charges in terms of the National Water Act, 1998); and
- The implementation of the new and more onerous AgriBEE Sector Code, once finalised and that will replace the 2012 Sector Code.
- Implementation of the recently announced National Minimum Wage

Conclusion

- Continuous constructive engagement to find a way forward
- Challenging environment with huge ramifications for industry
- Government tends to work in silos (Departments) –
problematic
- There will undoubtedly be many new challenges on this front in 2017, but sometimes difficult to predict.



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