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Invitation: Public consultation workshops on feeds and pet food bill as well as Fertilizer Bill

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development invites members of the public, relevant industry stakeholders, farmers, academics and all other relevant stakeholders to participate in the Public Consultation Workshops on Feeds and Pet Food Bill as well as Fertilizer Bill.

Animal feeds and fertilisers in South Africa are regulated in terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No. 36 of 1947). Since 1947, there have been significant changes in animal feeds, fertilisers and the manner in which they are processed. These changes have resulted into consideration for review of the regulatory framework in order to put more emphasis on food and environmental safety as well as reducing regulatory burden. The department has drafted legislations that are intended to replace parts of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No. 36 of 1947) as it relates to the regulation of animal feeds and fertilisers and would like to consult with stakeholders on the draft Bills.

Major changes proposed in the Bills are licensing of facilities that manufacture fertilisers, animal feed and pet food, moving away from the current model of pre-approval of all animal feed products before putting them on the market. Another change is that feed manufactured on commercial farms will now be regulated, resulting in some farms being required to register their manufacturing facilities.

The department is mandated to undertake workshops with the animal feed, pet food, animal by-product sterilising and fertiliser industries as well as commercial and smallholder farmers who make their own feeds or fertilisers to explain the changes in the regulatory framework of animal feeds and fertilisers. The views gathered from these workshops will be used to improve the draft Bills and in the development of regulations.

The workshops listed below are a build up to the public consultations workshops already conducted in Limpopo, Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Northern Cape, recently.

DATE	TIME	PROVINCE	VENUE
26 September 2019	09:00 – 15:30	North West	Alex Holm Hall, Potchefstroom Agricultural College, Chris Hani St, Potchefstroom Rural 2, Potchefstroom, 2520
02 October 2019	09:00 – 15:30	Free State	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Free State Province, 1 Gielie Joubert street, IPJ Hall, Glen, 9360
08 October 2019	09:00 – 15:30	KwaZulu-Natal	Cedara College of Agriculture, Hilton, 3201
10 October 2019	09:00 – 15:30	KwaZulu-Natal	Owen Sithole College of Agriculture, Old Mtubatuba, Empangeni, 3880
15 October 2019	09:00 – 15:30	Mpumalanga	Oewersig Community Hall, 1 Nel St, Nelspruit
17 October 2019	09:00 – 15:30	Mpumalanga	Nooitgedacht Research Farm, Nooitgedacht 268-lt, Ermelo, 2351
22 October 2019	09:00 – 15:30	Western Cape	Outeniqua Research Farm, Old Airport Road, George, 6529
24 October 2019	09:00 – 15:30	Gauteng	Velmore Hotel & SPA Centurion, 96 Main Road, Mooiplaats 355-Jr, Erasmia, Centurion, 0183

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N.B. You are kindly advised to confirm your attendance for logistical purposes.

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