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**SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR  
DRUG-FREE SPORT AMENDMENT  
BILL**

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‘**national sports federation**’ means any number of people involved in the overseeing and co-ordination of the playing and administration of any particular sport in any particular country;  
 ‘**person**’ means a natural person or an organisation or other entity;  
 ‘**Prohibited List**’ means a Prohibited List as defined in Appendix 1;  
 ‘**prohibited substance**’ means a Prohibited Substance as defined in Appendix 1;  
 ‘**public entity**’ means a public entity as defined in section 1 of the Public Finance Management Act;  
 ‘**Public Finance Management Act**’ means the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);  
 ‘**Result Management**’ means Result Management as defined in Appendix 1;  
 ‘**SASCOC**’ means the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, a non-governmental sports body consisting of the following founding constituent components:  
 (a) the Olympic national federations;  
 (b) the Commonwealth national federations;  
 (c) school sport insofar as it is represented on SASCOC’s Board in accordance with its articles of association;  
 (d) tertiary institutions sport (including Further Education and Training);  
 (e) the national federations catering for athletes with disability;  
 (f) the All Africa Games national federations; and  
 (g) other national federations;  
 ‘**testing**’ means testing as defined in Appendix 1;  
 ‘**Therapeutic Use Exemption**’ means Therapeutic Use Exemption as defined in Appendix 1;  
 ‘**UNESCO Convention**’ means the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) Convention as defined in Appendix 1;  
 ‘**WADA**’ means the World Anti-Doping Agency;  
 ‘**WADA-accredited laboratory**’ means a laboratory accredited by WADA according to the International Standard for Laboratories.”.

### Substitution of section 2 of Act 14 of 1997

2. The following section is hereby substituted for section 2 of the principal Act: 35

#### “Establishment of South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport

2. (1) There is hereby established a [**corporate body**] and public entity to be known as the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport.

(2) The Institute is the National Anti-Doping Organisation in the Republic.”. 40

### Amendment of section 10 of Act 14 of 1997

3. Section 10 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:

“(d) to promote and ensure the adoption of [**a centralised**] doping control [**programme**], which may subject any athlete to testing, with or without advance notice, both in- and out-of-competition;”;  
and

(b) by the substitution for subsection (2) of the following subsection:

“(2) The Institute shall operate independently, but may co-operate with SASCOC and [**SRSA**] the Department from time to time as the need arises in order to achieve the objects of the Institute as contemplated in this Act.”. 50

**Amendment of section 11 of Act 14 of 1997****4. Section 11 of the Principal Act is hereby amended—**

- (a) by the deletion of paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2);
- (b) by the substitution for paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of the following paragraph: 5  
 “(f) collect samples from athletes and secure the safe and tamper-free transit of samples to WADA-accredited laboratories in accordance with the Code [**’s International Standard for Testing**];”;
- (c) by the substitution for paragraph (l) of subsection (2) of the following paragraph: 10  
 “(l) establish and maintain a [**Registered Testing Pool**] testing pool of top level athletes who shall be subject to both in competition and out of competition testing;”;
- (d) by the substitution for paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of the following paragraph: 15  
 “(n) ensure that there is a process for all athletes with documented medical conditions requiring the use of a prohibited substance or method [**may**] to request a [**therapeutic use exemption: Provided that such requests shall be evaluated by a therapeutic use exemption committee in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use: Provided further that the Institute shall promptly report in writing to the WADA such granting of therapeutic use exemptions**] Therapeutic Use Exemption.”; and 20
- (e) by the insertion after subsection (2) of the following subsection: 25  
 “(2A) (a) A request contemplated in subsection (2)(n) shall be evaluated by a therapeutic use exemption committee in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemption referred to in the Code and;  
 (b) The institute shall promptly report in writing to the WADA any Therapeutic Use Exemption granted in respect of a request contemplated in subsection (2)(n).” 30

**Repeal of sections 11A to 11C of Act 14 of 1997**

- 5. Sections 11A to 11C of the principal Act are hereby repealed.**

**Substitution of section 17 of Act 14 of 1997** 35

- 6. The following section is hereby substituted for section 17 of the principal Act:**

**“Appeals**

- 17. (1) (a)** There is hereby established an independent board which shall be known as the Anti-Doping Appeal Board. 40
- (b) The Appeal Board shall consist of nine members, appointed by the Minister, possessing special knowledge and expertise relevant to doping.
- (2) (a) The Minister shall on the recommendation of the Institute and SASCOC appoint at least three persons from the members referred to in subsection 1 (b) to hear and decide upon appeals against decisions made in terms of Article 13 of the Code where appropriate. 45
- (b) The number of persons appointed by the Minister to hear and decide upon an appeal shall consist of an uneven number.
- (c) At least two of the persons referred to in paragraph (a) shall be admitted and practicing attorneys or advocates with at least 10 years experience in their relevant fields of expertise. 50
- (3) (a) Before an appeal may be lodged, an amount to be determined by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*, shall be deposited by the appellant with the Appeal Board, which amount shall be refundable in full only after the Appeal Board has reached a verdict in favour of the appellant.

(b) The Appeal Board may, with a view to the personal circumstances of a prospective appellant, modify or waive the requirement of a deposit referred to in paragraph (a).

(c) If the appellant's appeal is unsuccessful, the deposit referred to in paragraph (a) shall be forfeited.

(4) (a) The Appeal Board may hear appeals involving national level athletes arising from the Result Management decisions regarding—

(i) sanctions imposed against an athlete for doping, including disqualification, provisional suspension or period of ineligibility;

(ii) the granting or denial of a Therapeutic Use Exemption; or

(iii) any other dispute relating to doping;

(b) The Appeal Board may confirm or set aside any sanction imposed by—

(i) a national sports federation;

(ii) a sports federation;

(iii) a tribunal or committee or other investigative body established to conduct a Result Management process;

(iv) SASCOC; or

(v) a National Anti-Doping Organisation,

in respect of doping, and may in the place of any sanction so set aside, impose any other sanction which accords with the Result Management which in its opinion is appropriate.

(c) Appeals involving international level athletes shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the Code.

(5) A member of the Appeal Board shall, subject to such member's right to resign on one month's written notice, remain a member for such period as the Minister may determine at the time of the member's appointment.

(6) A member of the Appeal Board shall be appointed for a period of five years, but shall be eligible for reappointment.

(7) (a) The procedure to be followed in connection with appeals to the Appeal Board shall be determined by the Institute in consultation with the Minister.

(b) A party to an appeal shall be entitled to be represented by a person of his or her own choice.

(c) A member of the Institute shall be entitled to attend any hearing of an appeal as an observer.

(8) The sanctions which may be imposed on persons guilty of doping shall be in accordance with the sanctions laid down in the anti-doping rules and regulations of the respective sports federations which shall conform with the Code.”.

#### **Substitution of section 17A of Act 14 of 1997**

7. The following section is hereby substituted for section 17A of the principal Act:

##### **“Punitive measures**

**17A.** (1) [SRSA] The Department, on the written recommendations of SASCOC, may cause an investigation to be conducted as it deems fit to ascertain whether all national sports federations have complied with the provisions [contained in] of this Act.

(2) [SRSA] The Department must, after consultation with the Institute and SASCOC, identify any non-compliant national sports federations whereafter it may, amongst others—

(a) withdraw or reduce its or the Government's funding of any such federation;

(b) bar any such federation from administering its sport in the Republic; or

(c) recommend that SASCOC refuse to award national colours to the members of any such federation.

(3) [SRSA] The Department may only act against a federation in terms of subsection (2) after it has given that federation an opportunity to make oral or written representations with regard to any proposed action.”.

**Substitution of long title of Act 14 of 1997**

8. The following long title is hereby substituted for the long title of the principal Act:

“To promote the participation in sport free from the use of prohibited substances or methods intended to artificially enhance performance, thereby rendering impermissible doping practices which are contrary to the principles of fair play and medical ethics, in the interest of the health and well-being of sportspersons; to provide for the establishment of the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport; to provide for the composition of the Institute; to provide for its meetings and staff; to provide for the remuneration and allowances of members of the Institute; to provide for its expenditure, finances and accountability; to provide for the objects, powers and duties of the Institute; to provide for appeals; to provide for punitive measures and to provide for matters connected therewith.”

**Short title and commencement**

9. This Act is called the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport Amendment Act, 2023 and comes into operation on a date fixed by the President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

## **MEMORANDUM ON THE OBJECTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DRUG-FREE SPORT AMENDMENT BILL, 2023**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

On 31 October 2022, the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”), wrote to the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport (the “Institute”), advising the Institute that WADA had reviewed the South African Drug-Free Sport Act, 1997 (Act No. 14 of 1997) (the “principal Act”), as amended by the South African Drug-Free Sport Amendment Act, 2006 (Act No. 25 of 2006), and identified a number of provisions which do not comply with the World Anti-Doping Code (the “Code”), 2021.

WADA compiled and provided a Corrective Action Report to the Institute identifying the outdated provisions and noncompliant aspects in the principal Act that require to be updated or amended.

### **2. PURPOSE OF BILL**

The purpose of the Bill is, therefore, to—

- (a) update and amend various provisions of the principal Act in order to remedy the noncompliance and address the issues identified by WADA;
- (b) amend some of the provisos in some of the provisions of the principal Act so as to make those provisos to be separate provisions themselves concerning some of the matters provided for in the Code and to make the principal Act user friendly; and
- (c) ensure that South Africa does not only have a Statute that implements the Code, but also a Statute that is consistent with the Code.

### **3. CLAUSE BY CLAUSE ANALYSIS**

#### **3.1 Clause 1**

Clause 1 of the Bill amends section 1 of the principal Act. It seeks to delete, insert and substitute certain definitions in section 1 of the principal Act. The changes made to section 1 are substantial. Therefore, instead of dealing with the affected definitions individually, clause 1 substitutes section 1 of the principal Act in its entirety. The words in the definitions are now defined so as to bear the meaning contained in the Code.

#### **3.2 Clause 2**

In terms of section 2 of the principal Act, the Institute is established as a corporate body which essentially means that it is a juristic person. In terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999) (the “PFMA”), the institute is a national public entity and is listed in Part A of Schedule 3 to the PFMA.

Clause 2 of the Bill, therefore, seeks to replace the phrase “corporate body” with the phrase “public entity” and to provide that the Institute is a National Anti-Doping Organisation of the Republic. This seeks to make it express and convenient for the reader of the principal Act to know that the Institute is a public entity and a National Anti-Doping Organisation.

#### **3.3 Clause 3**

Clause 3 of the Bill amends section 10, which deals with the objects of the Institute, of the principal Act by substituting subsection (1)(d) and also substituting subsection (2). In paragraph (d), the words “a centralised” and “programme” are deleted, while in subsection (2) the words “the Department” are inserted. These are consequential amendments caused by the amendments made in section 1 of the principal Act, namely the deletion of the words “doping control programme” and the insertion of the word “Department”.

### 3.4 **Clause 4**

Clause 4 of the Bill amends section 11, which deals with the powers and duties of the Institute, of the principal Act by deleting paragraphs *(b)* and *(c)* and substituting paragraphs *(f)*, *(l)* and *(n)* of subsection (2) thereof. The words “International Standard for Testing” in paragraph *(f)* and “Registered Testing Pool” in paragraph *(l)* are deleted. The proviso in subsection (2)*(n)* is deleted and captured in subsection (2A)*(a)* and *(b)* which has been inserted after subsection (2) of section 11(2) of the principal Act.

### 3.5 **Clause 5**

Clause 5 of the Bill provides for the repeal of section 11A to C of the principal Act.

### 3.6 **Clause 6**

Clause 6 of the Bill provides for the substitution of section 17 of the principal Act with a new section 17.

### 3.7 **Clause 7**

Clause 7 of the Bill provides for the substitution of section 17A of the principal Act with a new section 17A wherein the acronym “SRSA” is substituted with the words “the Department”.

### 3.8 **Clause 8**

Clause 8 of the Bill provides for the substitution of the long title of the principal Act.

### 3.9 **Clause 9**

Clause 9 of the Bill provides for the short title and commencement.

## 4. **DEPARTMENTS AND PARTIES CONSULTED**

The following parties and entities were consulted on the Bill:

- (a)* Aero Club of South Africa;
- (b)* South African Sport Angling and Casting Federation;
- (c)* South African National Archery Association;
- (d)* Athletics South Africa;
- (e)* Badminton South Africa;
- (f)* South African Baseball Union;
- (g)* Basketball South Africa;
- (h)* Body building South Africa;
- (i)* Bowls South Africa;
- (j)* South African National Boxing Organisation;
- (k)* Boxing South Africa;
- (l)* South African Bridge Federation;
- (m)* Canoeing South Africa;
- (n)* Chess South Africa;
- (o)* South African National Climbing Federation;
- (p)* Cricket South Africa;
- (q)* South African Confederation of Cue Sport;
- (r)* Cycling South Africa;
- (s)* Federation of Dance Sport South Africa;
- (t)* Darts South Africa;
- (u)* South African Equestrian Federation;
- (v)* Federation Fencing of South Africa;
- (w)* South African Figure Skating Association;
- (x)* South African Football Association;
- (y)* Golf RSA;

- (z) South African Gymnastics Federation;
- (aa) South African Handball Federation;
- (bb) South African Hockey Association;
- (cc) South African Ice Hockey Federation;
- (dd) Judo South Africa;
- (ee) Karate South Africa;
- (ff) South African Korfbal Federation;
- (gg) South African Kickboxing Association;
- (hh) Lifesaving South Africa;
- (ii) Martial Art South Africa;
- (jj) South African Modern Pentathlon Association;
- (kk) Motorsport South Africa;
- (ll) Netball South Africa;
- (mm) South African Orienteering Federation;
- (nn) Powerboat Racing South Africa;
- (oo) South African Powerlifting Federation;
- (pp) Ringball South Africa;
- (qq) Roller Sport South Africa;
- (rr) Rowing South Africa;
- (ss) South African Rugby Union;
- (tt) South African Sailing;
- (uu) South African Shooting Sport Federation;
- (vv) Snow Sports South Africa;
- (ww) Softball South Africa;
- (xx) Squash South Africa;
- (yy) Surfing South Africa;
- (zz) Swimming South Africa;
- (aaa) South African Table Tennis Board;
- (bbb) South African Taekwondo Federation;
- (ccc) South African Tenniquoits Board;
- (ddd) Tennis South Africa;
- (eee) Tenpin Bowling Association of South Africa;
- (fff) South African Transplant Sports Association;
- (ggg) Triathlon South Africa;
- (hhh) South African Tug of War Federation;
- (iii) South African Underwater Sport Federation;
- (jjj) University Sport South Africa;
- (kkk) Volleyball South Africa;
- (lll) South African Water Ski Federation;
- (mmm) South African Weightlifting Federation;
- (nnn) South African Wrestling Federation;
- (ooo) South African Wushu Federation;
- (ppp) South African Deaf Sport Federation;
- (qqq) Sport for the Intellectually Impaired SA;
- (rrr) South African Masters Sports Association;
- (sss) South African Sport Association for Physically Disabled;
- (ttt) South African Sport Aerobics and Fitness Federation;
- (uuu) South African National Pigeon Organisation;
- (vvv) South African Majorette and Cheerleading Association;
- (www) Jukskei South Africa;
- (xxx) South African Sheep Shearing Federation;
- (yyy) South African Federation BOCCE; and
- (zzz) Mind Sports SA.

#### **PROVINCIAL SPORTS CONFEDERATIONS**

- (a) Eastern Cape Sports Confederation;
- (b) Free State Sports Confederation;
- (c) Gauteng Sports Confederation; and
- (d) KwaZulu-Natal Sports Confederation.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE STATE**

The Bill will not have any organisational and personnel implications for the Department and does not create any financial liabilities for the state.

## **6. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

The Bill was presented to and approved by the Cabinet. The Bill was also sent to the Office of the Chief State Law Advisor (the “OCSLA”), in the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development for scrutiny and legal opinion.

The Department and the OCSLA are of the opinion that—

- (a) the Bill should be dealt with in terms of the procedure established by section 75 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, since it contains no provisions to which the procedure set out in sections 74 or 76 of the Constitution applies.
- (b) it is not necessary to refer the Bill to the National House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders in terms of section 39(1) of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, 2019 (Act No. 3 of 2019), due to the fact that the provisions of the Bill do not—
  - (i) either expressly or implicitly pertain to customary law or customs of traditional or Khoi-San communities; and
  - (ii) pertain to any matter referred to in section 154(2) of the Constitution.



