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## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WASTE ACT, 2008 (ACT NO. 59 OF 2008): PACKAGING GUIDELINE: RECYCLABILITY BY DESIGN FOR PACKAGING AND PAPER IN SOUTH AFRICA**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, in terms of sections 72 and 73 of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008), hereby consult on the proposed Packaging Guideline: Recyclability by Design for packaging and paper in South Africa, which can be accessed at <http://sawic.environment.gov.za/> under "Draft documents for comment".

The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries developed the Packaging Guideline: Recyclability by Design for packaging and paper in South Africa, in collaboration with industry and in terms of section 6(1)(a) of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008). The main purpose of this Guideline is to reduce the volume of packaging ending up in landfill sites by improving product design, increasing quality of production practices and promoting waste prevention. One of the key objectives of this Guideline is to assist designers in all forms of packaging with a better understanding of the environmental implications of their design decisions, thus promoting good environmental practices without restricting choice.

The Guideline covers four (4) categories of packaging material streams namely metals, glass, paper and plastics. Members of the public are invited to submit, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Gazette*, written representations on or objections to the following addresses:

**By post to:** The Director-General  
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries  
Attention: Mr J Sibande  
Director: Waste and Chemicals Policy and Information Management  
Private Bag X447  
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**By hand at:** Ground Floor (Reception), Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0001.

Kindly note that anyone entering the Department's building will be subjected to COVID 19 procedures. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic delivering comments by hand at the Department is discouraged.

**By email:** [jsibande@environment.gov.za](mailto:jsibande@environment.gov.za)

Any enquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Mr Jeremia Sibande at (012) 399 9832 / 067 417 3844.

The draft Notice can also be accessed at <http://sawic.environment.gov.za/> under "Draft documents for comment".

**Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.**

  
**MS B D CREECY**  
**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**