PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry hereby publishes the following clauses of the Copyright Amendment Bill [B13-2017] for further public comment:

“(8)  (a)  Subject to subsection (7), any person who intentionally gives him or herself out as a representative collecting society in terms of this Chapter without having been accredited, commits an offence.

     (b)  A person convicted of an offence in terms of paragraph (a), is liable on conviction to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years.”

Notes:
- Subsection (7) refers to a transitional provision that requires existing Collecting Societies to apply for accreditation within 18 months of the commencement of the Copyright Amendment Act. In terms of subsection (7)(b) these may continue to operate as Collecting Societies, subject to any conditions that the Commission may instruct it to comply with, until the finding of the Commission regarding the accreditation is made.
- “this Chapter” refers to Chapter 1A that is being inserted by the Copyright Amendment Bill, 2017. It deals with Collecting Societies.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments on these clauses by 21 September 2018. Comments received after the closing date will not be considered. Should you require a copy of the draft amended Bill, please contact the Committee Secretaries (details below).

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