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## Monthly Health and Safety Law update: January 2016

### Comments:

While the new year has come (and gone) the last couple of months have not seen major amendments or changes to the principal Legislation dealing with health and safety matters.

The last couple of months have seen some Notices published which have a limited impact.

These are discussed below.

As previously, the update is available electronically. Visit <http://www.legalcs.co.za/legal-updates/>

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<b>Description</b>	<b>National Health Act, 2003</b>	
<b>Government Gazette</b>	GG 39561 (GNR 1229)	
<b>Type</b>	Notice	
<b>Date published</b>	24 December 2015	
<b>Effective date</b>	2015	
<b>OHS Act Sites</b>	X	
<b>MHS Sites</b>	X	

The Director General of the Department of Health has published national environmental health norms and standards for premises and acceptable monitoring standards for environmental health practitioners.

The norms and standards specifically exclude application to Mines, where environmental health remains within the jurisdiction of the MHSI Inspectorate.

The norms and standards deal with the delivery of environmental health services primarily by the public sector (local government etc.), and covers issues such as the minimum frequency of inspections by environmental health inspectors, standards for pest control monitoring, standards for environmental pollution control etc.

<b>Description</b>	<b>National Railway Safety Regulator Act, 2002</b>	
<b>Government Gazette</b>	GG (GNR )	
<b>Type</b>	Notice for comment	
<b>Date published</b>	31 December 2015	
<b>Effective date</b>	31 January 2015	
<b>OHS Act Sites</b>	X	
<b>MHS Sites</b>	X	

A schedule with proposed fees for safety permits for rail operators has been published for comment.

The proposed fees take into account the nature of the operator as well as the nature of the operations undertaken.

Comment is to be submitted by 31 January 2016.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993, Electrical Installation Regulations 2009</b>	
<b>Government Gazette</b>	GG 39504 (GNR 1225)	
<b>Type</b>	Notice	
<b>Date published</b>	11 December 2015	
<b>Effective date</b>	1 April 2016	
<b>OHS Act Sites</b>		X
<b>MHS Sites</b>		

The Chief Inspector, Mr. Tibor Szana, has incorporated a SANS code into the Electrical Installation Regulations, 2009.

In terms of Section 27(1) of the Act, SANS 10142-2 now forms part of the legal obligations under the Electrical Installation Regulations.

The incorporated standard applies to the wiring of premises for medium-voltage installations above 1 kV a.c., but not exceeding 22 kV a.c., and up to and including 3 MVA installed capacity.

The standard will come into force on 1 April 2016.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Standards Act, 2008</b>	
<b>Government Gazette</b>	GG 39504 (GNR 1206)	
<b>Type</b>	Notice	
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<b>OHS Act Sites</b>		X
<b>MHS Sites</b>		X

## 1. Schedule 1: New Standards

Some of the more important new standards include:

- SATS 2202-4: 2015 Programmes on food safety, food packaging

## 2. Schedule 2: Amendment of existing standards

Some of the more important amended standards include:

- SANS 5667-11: 2015 Water quality sampling, guidance on groundwater sampling
- SANS 60974-10:2015 Arc welding equipment, electromagnetic compatibility

### **3. Schedule 3: Cancellation of standards**

The following standards have been cancelled

- None

### **4. Schedule 4: Contact details**

This has remained unchanged.

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