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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1178**

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**Dr H C Volmink (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Have any regulations been developed for the implementation of section 79 of the National Health Act, Act 61 of 2003, relating to the powers of the Officer of Health Standards Compliance, particularly the issuing of notices of non-compliance as well as further actions that can be taken in cases of non-compliance by health establishments; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will the specified regulations be submitted for the purpose of publishing in the *Government Gazette*; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

Two sets of Regulations relating to the powers of the Office of Health Standards Compliance have been developed for the implementation of Section 79 of the National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003), namely (i) The Norms and Standards Regulations in terms of Section 90 (1)(b) and (c) of the National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003), applicable to certain categories of health establishments, and (ii) The Procedural Regulations pertaining to the functioning of the Office of Health Standards Compliance and its Board. These two sets of Regulations were certified by the Chief State Law Advisor and have since been referred for translation.

The Regulations will be submitted to the Minister of Health for approval and for final publication in the Government Gazette as soon as the Department of Health receives the two translated versions of the Regulations.

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