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**SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR
DRUG-FREE SPORT AMENDMENT
BILL, 2023**

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GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTES:

[] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from the existing enactment.

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To amend the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport Act, 1997, so as to delete, amend and insert certain definitions; to provide for consequential amendments in certain provisions and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Substitution of section 1 of Act 14 of 1997

1. The following section is hereby substituted for section 1 of the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport Act, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”): 5

“Definitions

1. In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise—

<p>‘Appeal Board’ means the Anti-Doping Appeal Board established by section 17;</p> <p>‘Appendix 1’ means Appendix 1 to the Code;</p> <p>‘athlete’ means an athlete as defined in Appendix 1;</p> <p>‘Code’ means the World Anti-Doping Code adopted by the Foundation Board of WADA on 5 March 2003 at Copenhagen, Denmark as amended from time to time;</p> <p>‘Department’ means the national department responsible for sport;</p> <p>‘doping’ means doping as defined in Article 1 of the Code;</p> <p>‘doping control’ means doping control as defined in Appendix 1;</p> <p>‘Institute’ means the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport, established by section 2;</p> <p>‘International-Level Athlete’ means an International-Level Athlete as defined in Appendix 1;</p> <p>‘International Olympic Committee’ means the organisation of that name with its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, under the auspices of which the Olympic Games are conducted;</p> <p>‘international sports federation’ means any group of national sports bodies involved in the overseeing and co-operation of the playing and administration of any particular sport at international level;</p> <p>‘International Standard’ means International Standard as defined in Appendix 1;</p> <p>‘Minister’ means the Minister responsible for sport;</p> <p>‘National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO)’ means the National Anti-Doping Organisation as defined in Appendix 1;</p> <p>‘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;</p> <p>‘person’ means a natural person or an organisation or other entity;</p> <p>‘Prohibited List’ means a Prohibited List as defined in Appendix 1;</p> <p>‘prohibited substance’ means a Prohibited Substance as defined in Appendix 1;</p> <p>‘public entity’ means a public entity as defined in section 1 of the Public Finance Management Act;</p> <p>‘Public Finance Management Act’ means the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);</p>	<p>10</p> <p>15</p> <p>20</p> <p>25</p> <p>30</p> <p>35</p> <p>40</p>
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‘**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: 5

(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); 10

(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; 15

‘**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; 20

‘**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:

‘**Establishment of South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport**’ 25

2. (1) There is hereby established a [**corporate body**]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.”.

Amendment of section 10 of Act 14 of 1997 30

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

- (a) the substitution for paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph: 35
- “(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;”;
- (b) the substitution for subsection (2) of the following subsection: 40
- “(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.”.

Amendment of section 11 of Act 14 of 1997

4. Section 11 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by—

- (a) the deletion of paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2);
- (b) the substitution for paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of the following paragraph: 45
- “(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) the substitution for paragraph (l) of subsection (2) of the following paragraph: 50
- “(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) the substitution for paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of the following paragraph: 55
- “(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 5

(e) the insertion after subsection (2) of the following subsection:

“(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. 10

(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).”.

Repeal of sections 11A to 11C of Act 14 of 1997 15

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

Substitution of section 17 of Act 14 of 1997

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. 20

(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. 25

(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. 30

(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. 35

(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. 40

(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; 45

(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— 50

(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 55

(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.

