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Council for Trade in Services

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**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III:3 OF THE  
WTO AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES**

The following notification from the delegation of South Africa, dated 22 December 2014, is being circulated to the Members of the Council for Trade in Services.

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**1 MEMBER NOTIFYING**

South Africa

**2 NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE(S)**

Article III, paragraph 3, of the General Agreement on Trade in Services

**3 DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE**

2014

**3.1 Duration**

Indefinite

**4 AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE MEASURE**

National Department of Justice and Constitutional Development

**5 DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURE**

The Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014 provides a legislative framework for the transformation and restructuring of the legal profession in the Republic of South Africa; to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of a South African Legal Practice Council and Provincial Councils in order to regulate the affairs of legal practitioners and to set norms and standards to provide for the admission and enrolment of legal practitioners; to regulate the professional conduct of legal practitioners so as to ensure accountable conduct; to provide for the establishment of an Office of a Legal Services Ombud and for the appointment, powers and functions of a Legal Services Ombud; to provide for a Legal Practitioners' Fidelity Fund and a Board of Control for the Fidelity Fund; to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of a National Forum on the Legal Profession; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

**6 MEMBERS SPECIFICALLY AFFECTED**

None

**7 TEXTS AVAILABLE FROM**

Department of Justice and Constitutional Development: [www.justice.gov.za](http://www.justice.gov.za)

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