

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: 2 October 2020

TO: ALL NEWS EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS

NRCS issues a final reminder for registration to the Chemical Disinfectants Industry.

The National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications would like to implore all manufacturers, suppliers or importers of chemical disinfectants to ensure that they comply with the new requirements of the amended Compulsory Specification (VC8054:2017) which came into effect on 20 October 2017.

This Compulsory Specification replaced the old Compulsory Specification for Disinfectants and Detergent Disinfectants (referred to as VC8054:1999) which was gazetted on 14 May 1999.

The scope of the VC8054:2017 covers all types of chemical disinfectants for use on inanimate surfaces, with the exclusion of antiseptics for use on living tissue and chemical disinfectants for the exclusive use in veterinary areas.

Accordingly, it requires all holders of registrations for chemical disinfectant formulations that were already registered pursuant to VC8054:1999 to submit evidence of compliance with the new requirements of VC8054:2017 to the NRCS.

While some traders of these products have started submitting their applications already, many have not heeded the call which might create difficulties for the organisation to process all the upped numbers of applications that might come close to the deadline.

In light of the above, the NRCS will issue Sales Permits to such holders of registrations in line with section 14(4) of Act No. 5 of 2008 and Regulation 6 of the regulations published in terms of Government Gazette GNR.924 of 15 October 2010: (Government Gazette No. 33615).

The Sales Permit will last for six-months starting from 20 October 2020 till 20 April 2021 and would allow for the following:

- The depletion of chemical disinfectants stock that does not meet the requirements of the new VC8054:2017, provided such chemical disinfectants were registered pursuant to and are still in compliance with the old VC8054:1999.
- Sufficient time for the NRCS to process a large number of applications in accordance with the new requirements.
- Sufficient time for holders of registrations to receive their NRCS Letters of Authority - REGISTRATION EXTENDED certificates and to mark their chemical disinfectants with the new NRCS registration numbers that will allow them to

continue with the legal supply of their Chemical Disinfectant formulations that were previously registered pursuant to VC8054:1999.

All enquiries regarding applications for extension of registration of chemical disinfectants should be sent to the following email address: cmmapproval@nrccs.org.za

For media interviews please contact Mirriam Moswaane on 012 482 8626 or 083 364 2007

For technical queries, please contact Thomas Madzivhe on 012 482 8770 or 072 475 1267

ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL REGULATOR FOR COMPULSORY SPECIFICATIONS (NRCS).

Follow the NRCS Facebook page: [@NationalRegulatorForCompulsorySpecifications](https://www.facebook.com/NationalRegulatorForCompulsorySpecifications)

Facebook easy link: <https://www.facebook.com/547325502309721?referrer=whatsapp>

WhatsApp number – [081 746 5267](https://wa.me/0817465267)