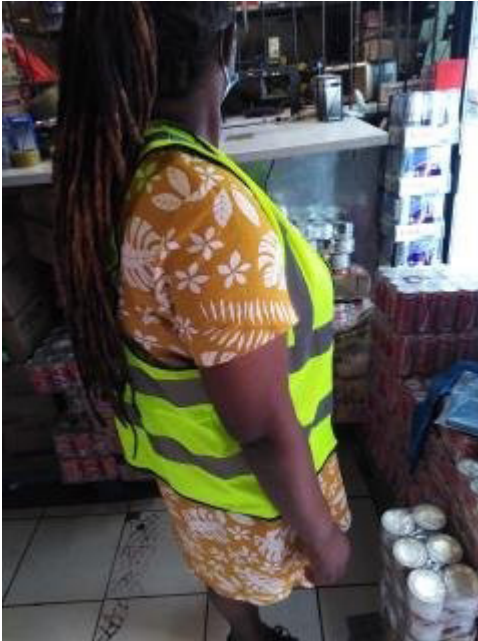


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# NRCS took consumer awareness programme to King Williams Town in the Eastern Cape province

In line with its mandate to inform the industry and consumers about its regulatory activities, the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) held a workshop with business owners in King William's Town on 1 December 2020 working in collaboration with Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Health as well as the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA).



The workshop was aimed at educating businesses on requirements of various Compulsory Specifications and the process of getting regulated products approved to be sold in the South African market. This also included the labelling requirements of products.



## Product safety education in Makapanstad

The National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) in partnership with the Motor Industry Ombudsman of South Africa (MIO) braved the Covid-19 pandemic to educate the community of Makapanstad in the North West province about the safety of products and their rights as consumers.

This in line with the NRCS mandate to protect human health, safety, the environment and ensuring fair trade across the market.





## Industry notice with regard to the regulation of **chemical disinfectants**

The National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) 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.

Treated articles and substances for use on hard surfaces are excluded from the scope of this compulsory specification on the following conditions:

- the incorporated chemical disinfectant for use in or on the article or substance is registered in accordance with this compulsory specification.
- the sole purpose of the treatment is to protect the article or substance itself not the hard surface it is used on

Each type of chemical disinfectant formulation shall be registered in accordance with the requirements of this compulsory specification before it is imported, sold or supplied in South Africa.

The applicant shall apply to the NRCS for registration of every chemical disinfectant formulation and the application shall be accompanied with the following:

- a list of raw materials for the chemical disinfectant formulation
- details of the manufacturing plant where the chemical disinfectant is produced or warehoused in the case of imported products
- evidence of conformity to prove compliance with all the relevant requirements of this compulsory specification which included, a completed and signed application form, efficacy requirements including a valid test report issued by an accredited microbiological laboratory recognised in terms of the NRCS conformity assessment policy
- a safety data sheet for the chemical disinfectant formulation
- product label /markings
- bill of material used in the construction of the packaging material
- a quality management system(QMS) certificate

It is also critical to note that, for chemical disinfectants, a test report issued not more than five (5) years before the date of submission to the NRCS is acceptable.

Applicants shall inform the Regulator of any changes in the material composition affecting any mandatory requirement of this compulsory specification. In the event of such changes, the NRCS may, at its discretion demand the submission of new evidence of conformity or a new application for registration.

It may also be necessary to register the disinfectant under fertilizers, farm feeds agricultural remedies and stock remedies act of 1974(Act no 36 of 1974) or medicines and related substances act of 1956 depending on the efficacy claims made and or the purpose of the application.

All enquiries regarding the regulation of chemical disinfectants should be sent to the following email address: [cmmapproval@nrcs.org.za](mailto:cmmapproval@nrcs.org.za).

All applications to be email to [CMMAPPROVALS@nrcs.org.za](mailto:CMMAPPROVALS@nrcs.org.za)

## Items required for the registration of chemical disinfectants

In terms of the Compulsory Specification for chemical disinfectants as published by Government Notice No. 1119 (Government Gazette No. 41186) of 20 October 2017.

The following items are required for an application for the registration of a chemical disinfectant formulation.

*NOTE 1 All application documents shall be in at least one of the official languages of the Republic of South Africa.*

*NOTE 2 An application for the registration of a chemical disinfectant formulation shall not be considered when the applicant owes any outstanding fees to the NRCS, or when the applicant has failed to comply with Regulations 2 and 3 relating to the payment of fees in the form of levies and fees for services provided as published by Government Notice No. R. 924 (Government Gazette No. 33615) of 15 October 2010.*

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### A Proof of payment

Proof of payment of a non-refundable application fee for the registration of the chemical disinfectant formulation as published in the Government Gazette in terms of section 14(3)(b) of the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act, 2008 (Act No. 5 of 2008). The amount of the non-refundable application fee may be requested from the NRCS CMM Approvals Section:

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### B Technical file

A technical file for the chemical disinfectant formulation as set out in NRCS form No. CMM FM 8054-2.

### C Reference sample

The availability of a specimen of each type of packaging material in which the chemical disinfectant formulation shall be supplied. The specimen shall not contain chemicals.

*NOTE The NRCS shall not accept reference samples of packaging material that contain chemicals.*

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NRCS bank account details:

**The National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS)**  
**ABSA Bank**  
**Brooklyn Branch Code: 335345**  
**Bank Account No.: 4072161682**

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## Application for the registration of a chemical disinfectant formulation

In terms of the Compulsory Specification for chemical disinfectants (herein referred to as VC8054:2017) as published by Government Notice No. 1119 (Government Gazette No. 41186) of 20 October 2017.

Technical file No.:	<b>NRCS use only</b>	Date registered:
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**NOTE** This form shall be completed in full for each chemical disinfectant formulation.

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<b>Part A: Applicant's details</b>		
Applicant's name:		
Applicant's company registration No.:		
Contact person:	Position in company:	
Tel. No.:	Mobile No.:	E-mail:

<b>Part B: Importer's details</b>		
Importer's name:		
SARS Importers Code:		
Postal address:		
Physical address:		

<b>Part C: Manufacturer's details</b>		
Manufacturer's name:		
Postal address:		
Physical address:		

<b>Part D: Formulation-identifying information on product label</b>		
Full name of manufacturer, producer, proprietor, controlling company or trade mark holder:		
Formulation-identifying name or brand name:		
Area of application <sup>1</sup> :	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial, domestic and institutional areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Food areas
	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical areas	
Spectrum of activity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Bactericidal	<input type="checkbox"/> Fungicidal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yeastocidal	<input type="checkbox"/> Sporocidal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Virucidal	
Colour variants:		
Perfume variants:		

<b>Part E: Management declaration</b>		
I hereby certify for and on behalf of the applicant that the information as contained in this application and accompanying product technical file is complete and correct in all respects, and is representative of the chemical disinfectant formulation submitted for registration.		
Signature:	Name:	
Position in company:	Date:	

<sup>1</sup> As defined under paragraph 2.2.3 of VC8054:2017.

## Test reports for chemical disinfectants

For an application for the registration of a chemical disinfectant formulation in terms of the Compulsory Specification for chemical disinfectants as published by Government Notice No. 1119 (Government Gazette No. 41186) of 20 October 2017.

Test reports for the purpose of registration of a chemical disinfectant formulation shall contain the following information as a minimum requirement. These requirements are based on the latest edition of SANS 17025 and should be consulted for further guidance.

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|----------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>A</b> | Title: "TEST REPORT".  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>B</b> | Name and address of laboratory.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>C</b> | Test report number.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>D</b> | Number of pages contained in the test report.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>E</b> | Each page shall be marked with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Test report number</li><li>• Page number</li></ul>       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>F</b> | Name and address of the client.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>G</b> | Test and compliance Standard.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>H</b> | Product identification.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>I</b> | Test dates.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>J</b> | Test result or a statement of compliance/non-compliance against each relevant requirement of the Standard, or both. <sup>1</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>K</b> | Authorization signatures of laboratory.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>L</b> | A statement to the effect that the results relate only to the items tested.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

<sup>1</sup> The NRCS may request for the test result with, where appropriate, the units of measurement against each relevant requirement of the Standard.



## Conformity of production and routine tests

NRCS use only

Technical file No.:

Date registered:

### CHEMICAL DISINFECTANTS FOR USE IN INDUSTRIAL, DOMESTIC & INSTITUTIONAL AREAS

For an application for the registration of a chemical disinfectant formulation in accordance with the Compulsory Specification for chemical disinfectants (herein referred to as VC8054:2017) as published by Government Notice No. 1119 (Government Gazette No. 41186) of 20 October 2017.

**NOTE 1** This form shall be completed in full for each chemical disinfectant formulation for use in industrial, domestic and institutional areas<sup>1</sup>.

**NOTE 2** The minimum requirements for satisfactory arrangements for conformity of production and routine tests for chemical disinfectants for use in industrial, domestic and institutional areas are set out in Annexure B of VC8054:2017.

Part A: Formulation-identifying information					
Applicant:					
Full name of manufacturer, producer, proprietor, controlling company or trade mark holder as marked on product label:					
Formulation-identifying name or brand name as marked on product label:					
Spectrum of activity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Bactericidal	<input type="checkbox"/> Fungicidal	<input type="checkbox"/> Yeastocidal	<input type="checkbox"/> Sporicidal	<input type="checkbox"/> Virucidal

Part B: Body that will undertake control of conformity (See paragraph B.1.1 of Annexure B of VC8054:2017.)		
Name of the body that has been nominated by the applicant to undertake control of conformity:		
Contact person:	Position in company:	
Tel. No.:	Mobile No.:	E-mail:
Postal address:		
Physical address:		

Part C: Schedule for control of conformity (See paragraph B.3.3 of Annexure B of VC8054:2017.)			
Inspections/tests to be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of the relevant product specification standard	Sample size <sup>2</sup>	Lot size <sup>3</sup>	Full details of body nominated by applicant to carry out inspection or test

<sup>1</sup> As defined under paragraph 2.2.3 of VC8054:2017.

<sup>2</sup> Number of units in the sample for inspection and testing.

<sup>3</sup> Number of units in a lot.



## **NRCS and ICASA** urge industry and the general public to identify dual regulated products found on the South African market

Rapid technological advancement in the communications sector and convergence of technologies blurred the lines between historically telecommunications and non-telecommunications products resulting in lack of certainty which authority should regulate which products.

This is also compounded by the fact that the telecommunication sector is growing in leaps and bounds owing to the advent of the fourth industrial revolution and speedy technological advancement.

In an effort to eliminate this global phenomenon of dual or duplicate approval process in this growing sector, the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) and the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("ICASA") calls on industry role players and the general public to identify products that are affected by this phenomenon and report to the two regulatory authorities for proper classification and correction.

Currently, there are several products that are affected by this practice hence the move to call on all affected parties to identify such products and alert the two entities.

Some of the affected products are, smart TV, smart camera, motion sensor lights, routers, modems, motherboards, wireless printer fax machines to mention just a few.

This dual approval process lead to longer processing times and issuing of LOA's resulting in loss of revenue to the affected parties. It also undermines the invest drive announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa during his state of the nation address in June earlier this year.

To further aide this important milestone, NRCS and ICASA are in the process of reviewing their existing memorandum of understating (MOU) to cater for the ongoing public engagement process to classify products in particular those that will identified by the public and industry role players as falling between the mandates of the two Regulators.

This process is envisaged to run for a period of two years and the public and industry will be afforded a platform to comment or provided inputs via social media platforms, websites and face to face engagements with the two organisations.



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