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**OPERATIONALISATION OF THE FILMS AND PUBLICATIONS AMENDMENT ACT- *The Films and Publications Regulations, 2022 Gazetted***

**2 September 2022, Centurion.** The Films and Publications Regulations, 2022 (Regulations) was published in the Government Gazette on 2 September 2022 as an instrument to implement the Films & Publications Amendment (Act.11 of 2019) that came into operation on 1 March 2022 which, amongst others, expanded the mandate of the FPB from a traditional classification authority to a regulator of content that is distributed on digital platforms.

Ms Zama Mkosi, the Chairperson of Council, adds: *“The publication of the Regulations has been eagerly anticipated and now provides the FPB with the ability to fully execute its responsibilities as articulated in the amendments to the Act. We commend the Minister for this milestone delivered in terms of section 31A of the Films & Publications Act”*.

The Regulations cater for the decriminalisation of the online distribution of adult content on digital platforms and provides greater clarity as to how the FPB regulates commercial online distributors, to name but a few.

It further creates the mechanism for the public to report cases of unclassified, prohibited, or potential prohibited content that is distributed online; cases of the distribution of private sexual photographs and films without the consent of the individual that appears in such, and cases of distributing films and photographs depicting sexual violence and violence against children.

*“As the FPB we will in the next few weeks announce the Enforcement Committee and Appeals Tribunal who will help us in the enforcement of these regulations to ensure that the South Africa citizens, particularly children, youth, women and people with disabilities are duly protected from unprecedented growing online harms”*, says Ms Mkosi.

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**Notes to the editor**

The objective of the Act of 1996 is to regulate the creation, production, possession and distribution of films, games and certain publications, and more recently certain online content. This is done to provide consumer advice to enable adults to make informed viewing, reading, and gaming choices for themselves and children in their care; to protect children from exposure to disturbing and harmful material and from premature exposure to adult experiences, and to make the use of children in, and the exposure of children to pornography, punishable.

Paramount to the mandate of the FPB is the protection of children. Protecting children under the Act is a proportional balancing of the rights afforded in the South African Constitution against the right of the child. Children have the right to be protected from physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, or moral harm and to be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse, or degradation.

It further ensures that children's best interest is of paramount importance in every matter concerning a child.