

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PRESCRIBED PDALA REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES






PDALA: 2026 PROVINCIAL WORKSHOPS

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1 REGULATIONS, NOTICES, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND NORMS AND STANDARDS [REQUIRED BY PDALA]

- 34 provisions in the Act that require Regulations to be published in the *Government Gazette* (+ to be specified procedure/implementation-related regulations (open category))
- 18 provisions in the Act that require Notices to be published in the *Government Gazette* (18 Notices)
- Provisions in the Act that specify other administrative obligations to be performed by the National Minister, MECs, DG, HODs, competent authorities, etc. (55+ matters).
- 50 sets of Norms and Standards must be prepared and published by the Minister by Notice in the *Government Gazette*, and incorporated in the relevant Regulations and Notices by means of Annexures.

2 DETAILED EXPOSITION OF REGULATIONS, NOTICES, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND NORMS AND STANDARDS

-  1. PDALA ARC-DoA Regulation obligations (All) SQ & Timelines 20260116
-  2. PDALA ARC-DoA Notice obligations (All) SQ & Timelines 20260116
-  3a. PDALA ARC-DoA Admin obligations (ASAP) SQ & Timelines 20251124
-  3b. PDALA ARC-DoA Admin obligations (As and when) SQ & Timelines 20251124
-  4. PDALA Expert panel Norms & Standards to be drafted 20251117-18

3 THEME-BASED INTEGRATED TABLE OF REGULATIONS, NOTICES, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND NORMS AND STANDARDS [= IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR National DoA + PDAs]

1. Agricultural land evaluation and classification;
2. Preparation, purpose, content and status of and compliance with provincial agricultural sector plans;
3. Protected agricultural areas (declaration, procedure, review, withdrawal and amendment);
4. Agro-ecosystem management (general objectives, authorisations, listing of activities and agricultural area, procedure for listing, delisting or amending an activity or agricultural area, as well as matters relating to competent authority);

5. Institutional framework (establishment of committees; appointment of technical and other advisors, and the establishment of a performance assessment framework (including M&E);
6. National agro-eco information system (establishment, objectives, and contents);
7. Appeals (right to appeal, appointment of and investigation and consideration by advisory appeal panel, consideration of appeal by Minister);
8. Compliance inspections, contravention directives and investigation and gathering of data on agricultural land;
9. Delegations;
10. Regulatory powers of the Minister (after consultation with the MECs responsible for agriculture in their respective provinces); and
11. Offences and penalties.

The Theme-based Implementation Plan for national DoA + PDAs was submitted to the ARC on 23 February 2026:

1. Advisory appeal panels	14. General regulatory provisions
2. Advisory committees	15. Inspectors
3. Agricultural areas	16. Listed activities and agricultural areas
4. Agricultural land	17. Monitoring and reporting
5. Agricultural professionals	18. Monitoring, evaluation and assessment framework
6. Agro-ecosystem authorisations	19. National agro-eco information system
7. Agro-ecosystem reports	20. National protected agricultural areas
8. Appeals	21. Norms and standards
9. Delegations	22. Offences and penalties
10. Directives	23. Provincial agricultural sector plans
11. Evaluation and classification systems	24. Provincial protected agricultural areas
12. Fees	25. Technical committees
13. General obligations	26. Technical and other advisers

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24. PROVINCIAL PROTECTED AGRICULTURAL AREAS										
Provincial protected agricultural areas		Regulation obligation	Minister	Regulations	Minister, after consultation with the MECs, may make regulations for the procedures to be followed for the preparation, evaluation and adoption of (national and provincial PAAs)	35(1)(e)(ii)	Before commencement			
Provincial protected agricultural areas		Administrative obligation	MEC	Administrative action	MEC must apply the principles in section 4(1) when declaring	4(2)(d). Also see principles that apply to	As and when needed (before declaring a			

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					provincial protected agricultural areas	agricultural land: 4(1)	provincial protected agric area)			
Provincial protected agricultural areas		Administrative obligation	MEC	Administrative action	MEC must, before declaring a provincial protected agricultural area, consult with the Minister and obtain his/her approval	12(1)(c)	As and when needed (before declaring a provincial protected agric area)			

In addition (non-exhaustive list):

1. APPs, internal SOPs, Operational Plans, forms, etc., also need to be prepared and approved
2. Electronic submission system to be in place
3. Electronic document management system to be in place
4. Delegations to be in place
5. Budget allocations to be in place
6. Human, training, infrastructure, ICT and other resources need to be provided
7. Etc.

4 DRAFT PDALA REGULATIONS CONTAINING NORMS AND STANDARDS

The following five (5) Draft Regulations containing PDALA norms and standards have been completed and submitted [currently being processed by nDoA]:

1. Classification of agro-ecosystems
2. Listed activities – subdivision of agricultural land
3. Listed activities – change of land use of agricultural land
4. Contents of Provincial Agricultural Sector Plans
5. Classifications of National and Provincial Protected Agricultural Areas

5 KEY STEPS GOING FORWARD

1. Consideration of all, and incorporation of relevant, inputs received from -
 - a. National consultative workshop(national govt depts)
 - b. Provincial workshops
 - c. Organised agriculture
 - d. Other stakeholders
2. Technical MinMec
3. MINMEC
4. Publish as Draft Regulations in the *Government Gazette* for public comment
5. Incorporation of relevant comments received
6. Publish as final Regulations in the *Government Gazette* for implementation