NOTE TO INDUSTRY MEMBERS

THE TRANSITION FROM MANUAL TO ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (THE NON-PROLIFERATION COUNCIL)

The South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (the Council) is a statutory body appointed by the Minister of Trade and Industry and is established in terms of the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Act, 1993 (Act No.87 of 1993) (Non-Proliferation Act). As contemplated in the Non-Proliferation Act, any person who is in control of any controlled goods in the areas of biological, nuclear, chemicals and delivery systems (missile); or who has in his possession or custody or under his control, such controlled goods shall register with the Council. Also, the Act determines that import, export, re-export or transit of such goods may only take place under a permit issued by the Council.

Currently, all applications for registration and permits (import and export) are manually submitted by industry members, then processed and issued as a signed hard copy document to industry members. In order to ease the administrative burden for both the Council and industry as well as to improve service delivery, the Council embarked on the development of an electronic, internet-based system for submission of registration and permit applications. The development of this electronic system is at an advanced stage and is expected to be launched by 1st May 2017.

It is envisaged that upon the launch of this electronic system, industry members who must register with the Council will apply for registration online. In the same vein, those
registered industry members who need to apply for import and export permits will also do
the same online.

In order to ease the transition for industry members into the electronic system, the system
will run concurrently with the manual submission of documents until the end of June 2017.
Upon such time period, manual submission of documents will ultimately be phased out.

For any enquiries, kindly contact the Non-Proliferation Secretariat on (012) 394 3030 / 5779 or email to nonproliferation@thedi.gov.za

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