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OFFICIAL DEEDS OFFICE REGISTRATION LANGUAGE IN TERMS OF SECTION 35(2) OF ACT 47/1937

1. PURPOSE:

To Standardize the official language to be used in Deeds, powers, and other documents for Registration in any Deeds Office in South Africa.

2. BACKGROUND:

The Deeds Registry has always followed the practice to accept Deeds, powers, and other documents for Registration in all official languages as per Section 35(2) of the Deeds Registries ACT 47/1937.

The Department deliberated and consulted various Deeds Registries and the Law Society of South Africa. The outcome of these sessions indicated that the current agreement as per Section 35(2) of the Deeds Registries ACT 47/1937, that the 11 official languages allowed for submission to Deeds Office for Registration, is putting unnecessary strain on the department and is causing unnecessary delays within the Deeds Registration process.

The Department has therefore determined that the only official language for submission of Deeds, powers, and other documents for Registration be exclusively limited to English.

3. EXISTING DEEDS:

All existing Deeds which have been registered under the current practice will remain unchanged, and do not need to be amended in terms of Section 35(2) of the Deeds Registries ACT 47/1937

4. RATES CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES:

Rates clearance certificates lodged for Registration in any Deeds Office in South Africa must be in English.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This circular will come into effect on 01 January 2017.



REGISTR OF DEEDS: PRETORIA
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