

SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH WEST**CONSUMER AFFAIRS ACT****NO. 13 OF 1995**

[ASSENTED TO 6 DECEMBER, 1995] [DATE OF COMMENCEMENT: 2 SEPTEMBER, 1994, EXCEPT
THOSE AREAS OF THE FORMER REPUBLIC OF BOPHUTHATSWANA:
1 JANUARY, 1995]

(English text signed by the Premier)

ACT

WHEREAS the Government of the North-West Province has recognized the need, in order to allow free economic activity and free and fair enterprise, to investigate the impact of the North-West Consumer Affairs Act, 1984 (previously the Bophuthatswana Consumer Affairs Act, 1984 and subsequently amended to be the North-West Consumer Affairs Act) on consumer affairs in the North-West Province;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the North-West Province acknowledges the rights of consumers to be protected against unfair and unscrupulous consumer related practices;

AND WHEREAS certain provisions of that Act impacts negatively on economic activity in the Province;

AND WHEREAS the negative impact needs to be countered by way of the suspension of certain of the provisions of that Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Premier and the Legislature of the North-West Province enacted as follows:—

1. Suspension of certain sections of Act 34 of 1984, as of force in certain areas of the Province on 27 April 1994 and subsequently extended in its application to the whole of the Province on 2 September 1994.—(1) Sections 22 (1), and subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, sections 23 and 24, of the North-West Consumer Affairs Act, 1984 are hereby suspended until such time as the Member of the Council responsible for Economic Affairs in concurrence with the North-West Consumer Council may deem fit.

(2) The suspension of the provisions of sections 23 and 24, as contemplated by subsection (1), shall only be applicable in respect of standard form contracts provided for by section 22 (1).

(3) The Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Affairs shall, in the event of him or her having determined a date for the cancellation of the suspension contemplated in subsection (1), give notice of such date of cancellation in the *Provincial Gazette*.

2. Short title and date of commencement.—This Act shall be called the Act on the Suspension of Certain Provisions of the North-West Consumer Affairs Act, 1995 and shall—

(a) in respect of those areas of the North-West Province which before 27 April 1994 formed part of the Republic of South Africa, be deemed to have come into operation on 2 September 1994; and

(b) in respect of those areas of the North-West Province which before 27 April 1994 formed part of the erstwhile Republic of Bophuthatswana, come into operation on 1 January 1995.

