

General Notice 240 of 2002

PATENTS ACT [CHAPTER 26:03]

Declaration of Period of Emergency (HIV/AIDS) Notice 2002

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs has, in terms of section 34 as read with section 35 of the Patents Act [Chapter 26:03] made the following notice:

1. This notice may be cited as the Declaration of Period of Emergency (HIV/AIDS) Notice, 2002.
2. In view of the rapid spread of HIV/AIDS among the population of Zimbabwe, the Minister hereby declares an emergency for a period of six months, with effect from the date of promulgation of this notice, for the purpose of enabling the State or a person authorised by the Minister under section 34 of the Act
 - (a) to make or use any patented drug, including any antiretroviral drug, used in the treatment of persons suffering from HIV/AIDS or HIV/AIDS related conditions;
 - (b) to import any generic drug used in the treatment of persons suffering from HIV/AIDS or HIV/AIDS-related conditions.

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Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs.
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