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About this Publication:

The centrepiece of the Handbook is the National Ports Act 12 of 2005. The adoption of the National Ports Act marks a new era in the development of South African ports law. It represents the first attempt at creating a comprehensive institutional, operational and regulatory framework for ports. Importantly, it gives a strong signal opening South Africa’s port sector to greater private sector participation and competition.

For the first time in South Africa, the Act specifically introduces a regime of economic regulation in ports. The Handbook will publish in full all directives issued by the Ports Regulator including procedural requirements for lodging an appeal or submitting a complaint.

The Act is expected to have a far-reaching impact on the management and operation of South Africa’s ports. It paves the way for a dynamic restructuring of relationships between the NPA, the maritime industry, ports users and all enterprises that use or depend on the efficient performance of our ports. Overall, the Act is expected to contribute to the rapid development of a previously neglected branch of our law.
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