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## **Press Release**

### **Application**

On 19 February 2018 the Alliance of Natural Health Products (South Africa) launched an application challenging the General Regulations published by the Minister of Health under of the Medicines and Related Substances Act (Act No. 101 of 1965) on the 25th of August 2017 (Gazette Notice R.858).

The Alliance operates across the complementary-medicine, traditional-medicine and health-supplement sectors and its members include traditional healers, natural-health advocates, manufacturers, and retailers and concerned members of the public. In the Alliance's view, the Regulations' definitions of "complementary medicines" and "health supplements" are unlawfully and unworkably broad, with the result that the definitions include a range of products and substances that are neither 'medicines' nor 'Scheduled substances' as defined in the Medicines Act. In other words, all nutritional supplements, vitamins, minerals and food supplements are now subject to the same stringent and costly manufacturing, assessment and registration requirements as medicines and scheduled substances (pharmaceutical drugs).

To read more on the application please refer to our webpage:  
<http://anhp.co.za/2018/02/27/application-challenging-legislation/>

### **Mission of the ANHP**

The mission of the ANHP is to ensure that all South Africans have accessibility to natural health products that are safe and of a high quality, while respecting freedom of choice and philosophical and cultural diversity.

The ANHP aims to be a trusted vehicle for positive change, promoting and advancing natural health products in the paradigm created by the South African Constitution and our country's democratic processes, by questioning and challenging health policy and regulations, and seeking to ensure that these are appropriate, responsible and fair. These should look after the interests of the South African public and the natural health products industry.

### **ANHP representation**

The following stakeholders are represented by the ANHP:

- Consumers
- Practitioners and therapists, including African traditional healers
- Retailers
- Marketers
- Manufacturers, importers and wholesalers

### **Alliance of Natural Health Products - South Africa**

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## **ANHO concerns**

The ANHP is concerned with certain aspects of these regulations, including content, time frames and logistical impact as well as viability of implementation of these regulations. A regulatory scheme that attempts to regulate natural health products in essentially the same way that allopathic medicines are regulated is wholly inappropriate and in many instances impossible to apply.

For more about our concerns please refer: <http://anhp.co.za/about/>

If you would like further information about our application or purpose please contact us on our webpage (<http://anhp.co.za/about/contact/>) or at [admin@anhp.co.za](mailto:admin@anhp.co.za)

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