

FSCA Press Release

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FSCA imposes penalty on Southern Africa Funerals Assurance Services Holdings (Pty) Ltd and Mr Ryno Delport

The Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) has imposed an administrative penalty of R 50 000 on Southern Africa Funerals Assurance Services Holdings (Pty) Ltd (SAFAS) and its director Mr. Ryno Delport (Mr. Delport). This follows an investigation by the FSCA which found that SAFAS and Mr. Delport had contravened financial sector laws.

The FSCA commenced its investigation after receiving a complaint from a member of the public regarding SAFAS. It was alleged that SAFAS and Mr Delport may have issued funeral policies without authorisation and without having an underwriter for SAFA'S funeral scheme.

The investigation revealed that:

- SAFAS did not have an underwriter for its funeral scheme; and
- SAFAS and Mr Delport were conducting unauthorised insurance business.

The FSCA, after reviewing the facts of the matter as well as submissions from SAFAS and Mr Delport found that they had materially contravened section 5 of the Insurance Act, Act 18 of 2017. Following the commencement of the investigation, Mr Delport admitted to having conducted unauthorised insurance business and has since taken the necessary steps to secure an underwriter for SAFAS's funeral scheme.

After considering the actions of SAFAS and Mr. Delport, the FSCA has decided to impose the following enforcement action:

- An administrative penalty of R 50 000 on SAFAS and Mr. Delport in terms of section 167(1)(a) of the **Financial Sector Regulation Act (FSR Act)**.

A copy of the full order is available and can be viewed [here](#).

The FSCA has concluded this matter and is satisfied with the outcome as it continues its mandate to regulate financial service providers and ensure an efficient financial sector where customers are treated fairly.

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