

**Notice Number 37 of 2020**  
**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**

**RECOMMENCEMENT OF REFERRAL FOR DEREGISTRATION OF NON COMPLIANT  
COMPANIES AND CLOSE CORPORATIONS**

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) would like to advise customers, that although the National Lockdown levels are still in place, CIPC has a legal duty in terms of section 186(1)(b) of the Companies Act, 2008 (the Act) to maintain an accurate and up-to-date registry of companies and close corporations.

One of the mechanisms to achieve this, is the referral of non-compliant companies and close corporations with Annual Returns for deregistration and eventual final deregistration in terms of section 82(3)(a)(i) of the Act read with Companies Regulation 40(2) to (4), 2011. Therefore, CIPC will recommence the automatic referral of non-compliant companies and close corporations for deregistration as from July 2020.

In terms of section 82(3)(a)(i) of the Act, CIPC may only refer companies and close corporations for deregistration if it has failed to file Annual Returns for two or more years, and therefore the Act provides sufficient time for companies and close corporations to comply with Annual Returns before being referred for deregistration.

For further enquiries kindly log a ticket via the CIPC online ticketing system, [www.cipc.co.za](http://www.cipc.co.za) / enquiries.

**Yours sincerely,**



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