

Rural Land (Farm Sizes) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 2)

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement has, in terms of section 21 of the Land Commission Act [*Chapter 20:29*], made the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Rural Land (Farm Sizes) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 2).

2. The Rural Land (Farm Sizes) Regulations, 1999, published in Statutory Instrument 419 of 1999 (hereinafter called “the principal regulations”) are amended in section 3 (“Natural Regions”) by the repeal of subsection (1) and the substitution of—

“(1) For the purposes of these regulations, Zimbabwe shall be divided into the following Natural Regions—

- (a) Natural Region I, being a region in which the average rainfall is generally above one thousand millimetres a year and precipitation may be experienced throughout the year;
- (b) Natural Region II, being a region in which the average rainfall is generally between six hundred and fifty and one thousand millimetres a year and is received during the rainy season with an average of sixteen to eighteen rainy pentads per season;
- (c) Natural Region III, being a region in which the average rainfall is generally between six hundred and fifty and eight hundred millimetres a year and is received during the rainy season with an average of fourteen to sixteen rainy pentads per season;
- (d) Natural Region IV, being a region in which the average rainfall is generally between four hundred and fifty and six hundred and fifty millimetres per annum and is received during the rainy season, with periodic droughts;
- (e) Natural Region V, being a region of very low and erratic rainfall in which the average rainfall is generally less than six hundred and fifty millimetres a year and is received during the rainy season.”.

3. Section 4 (“Farm sizes”) of the principal regulations is amended by the repeal of subsection (1) and the substitution of—

“(1) Subject to sections 5 and 6, no person shall own a farm situated in—

- (a) Natural Region I if the size of the farm exceeds two hundred and fifty hectares; or
- (b) Natural Region II if the size of the farm exceeds five hundred hectares; or
- (c) Natural Region III if the size of the farm exceeds seven hundred and fifty hectares; or
- (d) Natural Region IV if the size of the farm exceeds one thousand five hundred hectares; or
- (e) Natural Region V if the size of the farm exceeds two thousand hectares.”.