

CUSTOMER NOTICE 44 OF 2026

REPUBLICATION OF CUSTOMER NOTICE 4 OF 2025 – BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP (BO) AND ANNUAL FILING NON-COMPLIANCE

PURPOSE OF THE UPDATE

This Customer Notice serves as an update to **Customer Notice 4 of 2025**, issued on **10 January 2025**, <https://www.cipc.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Publication-List-of-Companies-Close-Corporations-not-compliant-with-Beneficial-Ownership-filing-Customer-Notice-4-of-2025.pdf> informing customers of the Beneficial Ownership (BO) filing requirements and the Commission's ongoing efforts to improve compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act and Regulations.

The purpose of this update is to further remind all companies and close corporations of their statutory obligation to file and maintain accurate Beneficial Ownership information and to notify customers of the Commission's enhanced compliance and enforcement measures in respect of entities that remain non-compliant.

The Commission remains concerned about the persistent levels of non-compliance with Beneficial Ownership filing requirements, particularly among **PUBLIC COMPANIES**. As part of its regulatory mandate, the Commission will continue to publish a list of entities that continuously have failed to comply with their Beneficial Ownership obligations on the CIPC website and all social media platforms. <https://www.cipc.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/B0-Non-Compliant-BusinessesA-Z.xlsx>

Entities that remain non-compliant and continue to ignore their Beneficial Ownership filing obligations **within 10 business days** after the publication of the list of non-

compliant entities will be issued with a **Compliance Notice** in terms of section 171 of the Companies Act.

This update further serves to remind companies of the amended Regulation 30(3), read together with section 33 of the Companies Act, which provides that:

"A company must file its annual return with the Commission, and a copy of the company's securities register as required in terms of section 50 of the Act within 30 business days after the anniversary of the date of its incorporation, in the case of a company that was incorporated in the Republic; or the date that its registration was transferred to the Republic, in the case of a domesticated company."

Directors and members are urged to ensure that Beneficial Ownership information is filed and updated annually, regardless of whether the entity is trading, dormant, inactive, or otherwise not conducting business. Compliance with Beneficial Ownership requirements remains a legal obligation for all registered entities and is not dependent on the operational status of the company. The Commission therefore encourages all BO non-compliant entities to take immediate steps to regularize any outstanding Beneficial Ownership filings and annual return obligations to avoid enforcement action and any other regulatory consequences, such as deregistration.

NB: For guidance on how to file BO declaration, follow the step-by-step guides as published under the Beneficial Ownership section in this link:

https://www.cipc.co.za/?page_id=4447

Yours sincerely,
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