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Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority

To: All Security Service Providers

From: Philani Mthethwa Deputy Director: Law Enforcement

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Re: Training Standards for Security Dogs & Handlers

In terms of Board Notice 15 of 1999 read with section 44(2)(c) of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act, 2001 (Act No. 56 of 2001) security service providers who uses dogs must, depending on the security service rendered with the particular dog, successfully complete the relevant dog handler courses as contemplated in the Board Notice from an accredited training instructor and training provider. The dogs must also be trained for the particular security service they are used for. For example, in the case of substance detection, the dog must be able to positively identify and indicate a specific substance or specific group of substances as required and these training levels must be specified on a certificate in respect of the particular dog.

Failure to comply with Board Notice 15 of 1999 constitutes improper conduct in terms of the Code of Conduct for Security Service Providers, 2003 as well as a criminal offence.

Further, security service providers who uses dogs must also successfully apply for a license at the Magistrate Court in which the security service provider is situated / operational in terms of the Performing Animals Protection Act, 1935 (Act No 24 of 1935).

We trust that the above information will be of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully

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