

South Africa's proposal on Article 2 Definitions

“environment” means the surroundings within which humans exist and that are made up of—

- (i) the land, water and atmosphere of the earth
- (ii) micro-organisms, plant and animal life
- (iii) any part or combination of (i) and (ii) and the interrelationships among and between them and
- (iv) the physical, chemical, aesthetic and cultural properties and conditions of the foregoing that influence human health and well-being.

“extended producer responsibility measures” means measures that extend a person's financial or physical responsibility for a product to the post-consumer stage of the product, and includes -

- (a) waste minimisation programmes;
- (b) financial arrangements for any fund that has been established to promote the reduction, re-use, recycling and recovery of waste;
- (c) awareness programmes to inform the public of the impacts of waste emanating from the product on health and the environment; and
- (d) any other measures to reduce the potential impact of the product on health and the environment;

“lifecycle” means different stages throughout the life of plastics that may have potential environmental effects or impacts

“plastic pollution” means any change in the environment caused by plastics emitted and/or released, where that change has an adverse effect on human health or environment”.