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HALTING OF ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY TO FOREIGN SPOUSES OF NAMIBIAN CITIZENS

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security wishes to inform the public that the issuance of section 38 certificates of identity documents to foreign spouses of persons married to Namibian citizens has been put on hold because the issuance of these certificates is not in compliance with Section 2(1)(c) of the Immigration Control Act, 7 of 1993.

This temporary halt is part of an on-going review and improvement process of the application forms associated with these documents. The review reflects the Ministry's commitment to enhancing the efficiency and accuracy of our services, with the aim of ensuring that the forms are clear, comprehensive, inclusive, and better aligned with regulatory requirements and the needs of applicants.

To assist affected individuals during this period, the Ministry has put in place a temporary measure. All individuals who need confirmation letters for specific services are urged to approach the Ministry (Office of the Chief of Immigration) to be issued with confirmation letters for institutions that require such documents.

The Ministry understands the importance of these documents and is working diligently to finalize the review process. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this temporary suspension and appreciate the public's understanding and cooperation.

The public will be informed as soon as this review exercise has been completed.

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