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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID**

No. R. 376

15 April 2005

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT**  
**(ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)**

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**REGULATIONS DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROFESSION OF**  
**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY**

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 33(1) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

**SCHEDULE**

**1. Definitions**

In this Schedule any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates-

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Medical Technology established in terms of section 15(1) of the Act; and

“**the Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974).

**2.** (1) Subject to the provisions of subregulation (2), all acts performed during the analysis of human tissue, body fluid or excretion, where such analysis is carried out to enable a medical practitioner or dentist to make a diagnosis or institute medical or dental treatment from the results of such analysis, shall for the purposes of the Act be deemed to be acts pertaining to the profession of medical technology.

(2) The following acts, when carried out during an analysis referred to in subregulation (1), shall for the purpose of the Act also be deemed to be acts pertaining to the profession of medical technology:

(a) Interpretation, consultation or advice regarding information obtained as a result of the acts referred to in subregulation (1);

quality control with regard to the acts referred to in sub-regulation (1); and

(c) teaching, training and research with regard to the acts referred to in subregulation (1).

(3) The following acts, when carried out during an analysis referred to in subregulation (1), shall for the purposes of the Act be deemed not to be acts pertaining to the profession of medical technology:

(a) The labelling, primary tube centrifuging and transporting of specimens or the transcribing of results already manually or mechanically recorded;

(b) the preparation of equipment, culture media and reagents; and

(c) the staining of slides for microscopic examination.

#### **4. Repeal**

The regulations published under Government Notice No. R. 1733 of 9 August 1985 are hereby repealed.



**MINISTER OF HEALTH**

Date: 9 April 2005