



## South African Wood Preservers Association

*As we approach the end of the year, we trust that you and your loved ones will have a peaceful and blessed Christmas and festive break, and a safe return in 2026.*

*Please note that the SAWPA office will be closed from Monday 15 December 2025 to Tuesday 13 January 2026.*

### PEST CONTROL OPERATOR REGISTRATIONS

It's been close to a year since we started the process of registering Pest Control Operators in accordance with the PCO Regulations under Act 36 of 1947 of the Department of Agriculture. We are however pleased to report that we are nearing the finish line, with 92% of SAWPA member plants having registered a PCO under whose supervision preservative treatment of timber and use of wood preservatives are required to be done. We believe that the remaining 8% of member plants will have completed the process soon.

### STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The attached Draft South African Standard SANS 10324 Ed2, *Inspection and supplemental treatment of treated wooden poles used in ground contact* was published on 21 November 2025 for a 60-day public comment period that ends on 20 January 2026.

The following amended standards were approved by the SABS and the official notice was published in Government Notice No. 3600 of 14 November 2025:

- SANS 441:2025 Ed1.03, *Timber preservative – Mixtures of azoles and permethrins*
- SANS 506:2025 Ed 1.3, *Timber Preservative – Alkaline-copper-quaternary type*

Both these standards were amended to update a normative reference related to the transport of dangerous goods packaging.

The following revised standards have been approved by the SABS, but the official government notices have not been published yet:

- SANS 457-3:2025 Ed 9, *Wooden poles, droppers and guardrail posts – Part 3: Hardwood species*
- SANS 754:2025 Ed 7, *Eucalyptus poles, cross-arms and spacers for power distribution and communications systems*

The revision of both these standards was started in 2021, but due to unfortunate delays caused by process and later cyber security constraints at the SABS, they were only recently finalised. As per the decision taken by the SAWPA Executive Committee in 2017, all newly published standards will be issued to SAWPA members under a user-license agreement between SAWPA and the SABS, and per each scope of product certification.

Kind Regards

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