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Considering the impact of the persisting drought conditions in many parts of the country, reclassified as a national disaster by the Head of the National Disaster Management Centre under Government Notice 107/2018 published in Government Gazette 41439, and taking into account the need to augment the existing drought relief interventions undertaken by organs of state, I, as the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and by virtue of the powers vested to me in terms of Section 27(1) of Chapter 3 of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) ("the Act"), as amended, hereby

- 1) Recognised that special circumstances exist to warrant the declaration of a national state of disaster; and Declare the drought crisis affecting multiple provinces as a National State of Disaster, and
- 2) As may be required in terms of Section 27(2) of the Act, will make regulations or issue directions or authorise the issue of directions concerning the matters listed in Section 27(3) of the Act, only to the extent that it is necessary for the purpose of –
 - (a) assisting and protecting the public;
 - (b) providing relief to the public;
 - (c) protecting property;
 - (d) preventing or combatting disruption; or
 - (e) dealing with the destructive and other effects of the disaster.

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