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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002**AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(8) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): MEASURES TO PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

I, **Dr Pakishe Aaron Motsoaledi**, the Minister of Home Affairs, having issued Directions published in *Government Gazette* No. 43162, Government Notice No. 416 of 26 March 2020, as amended by Government Notice No. 518 of 9 May 2020, Government Notice No. 664 of 10 June 2020, Government Notice No. R.763 of 12 July 2020, Government Notice No. 843 of 31 July 2020, Government Notice No. 923 of 25 August 2020, Government Notice No. 1029 of 30 September 2020, Government Notice No. 1142 of 23 October 2020 and Government Notice No. 1277 of 3 December 2020 hereby, in terms of regulation 4(10) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) and published in *Government Gazette* No. 43258, Government Notice No. R.480 of 29 April 2020, as amended, issue the Directions set out in the Schedule in order to prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19.



DR PAKISHE AARON MOTSOALEDI, MP
MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

DATE:

13/1/2021

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these Directions, unless the context otherwise indicates—

“**Directions**” means the Directions published in *Government Gazette* No. 43162, Government Notice No. 416 of 26 March 2020, as amended by Government Notice No. R. 518 of 9 May 2020, Government Notice No. 664 of 10 June 2020, Government Notice No. 749 of 3 July 2020, Government Notice No. 843 of 31 July 2020, Government Notice No. 923 of 25 August 2020, Government Notice No. 1029 of 30 September 2020, Government Notice No. 1142 of 23 October 2020 and Government Notice No. 1277 of 3 December 2020; and

“**Regulations**” means the Regulations made in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) and published in *Government Gazette* No. 43258, Government Notice No. R. 480 of 29 April 2020, as amended by Government Notices No. R.608 of 28 May 2020, No. R.714 of 25 June 2020, No. R.763 of 12 July 2020, No. R.846 of 31 July 2020, No. R.891 of 17 August 2020, No. 999 of 18 September 2020, No. 1053 of 1 October 2020, No. 1104 of 21 October 2020, No. 1199 of 11 November 2020, No. 1290 of 3 December 2020, No. 1346 of 15 December 2020, No. 1370 of 17 December 2020, No. 1421 of 24 December 2020, No. 1423 and 1435 of 29 December 2020 and No. 11223 of 11 January 2021.

Amendment of paragraphs 12.3, 19, 20 and 21.1 of the Directions

2.1 Paragraphs 12.3, 19, 20 and 21.1 of the Directions are hereby amended by the substitution for the date 31 January 2021 referred to in these paragraphs, of the date 31 March 2021, as the date until which the validity of visas and permits is extended and the date until which a person holding such visa or permit may leave the Republic without being declared as undesirable, respectively.

2.2 A holder of a visa or permit must adhere to the terms and conditions of his or her visa and any activity not endorsed onto such visa or permits is prohibited.

Substitution of paragraph 16 of the Directions

3. The Directions are amended by the substitution for paragraph 16 of the following paragraph:

“16. CLOSURE OF BORDERS

16.1 The list of closed ports of entry referred to in regulation 42(1) of the Regulations through which exempted categories may be allowed as contemplated in regulation 42(2) are as listed in Annexure “A”.

16.2 An application for emergency travel referred to regulation 42(3) of the Regulations must be made seven (7) working days before the date of intended travel and be supported by—

- (a) a copy of passport;
- (b) a copy of a temporary residence visa;
- (c) demonstration of exceptional circumstances for the request to enter the Republic;
- (d) the name of the land port of entry intended to be used;
- (e) number of days of intended stay; and
- (f) proof of accommodation or place of residence.

16.3 A person who is allowed entry into the Republic will be subjected to the prescribed screening procedures and isolation or quarantine rules, as the case may be, which include—

- (a) provision of a valid certificate of a negative COVID-19 test obtained not more than 72 hours before the date of travel; and
- (b) in the event of failure to submit a certificate as proof of a negative COVID-19 test, such person will be required to do an antigen test at his or her own cost and if he or she test positive to COVID-19, he or she will be required to quarantine at his or her own costs.”.

Repeal of paragraph 17G of the Directions

4. Paragraph 17G of the Directions is hereby repealed.

Addition of paragraph 17H to Directions

5. The following paragraph is hereby added to the Directions after paragraph 17G:

**“17H. SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS
UNDER ADJUSTED ALERT LEVEL 3**

17H.1 The following services will be rendered by the Department of Home Affairs during Adjusted Alert Level 3 of the period of the national state of disaster:

- (a) Births registration;
- (b) re-issuance of births certificates;
- (c) late registration of birth for learners and pensioners only;
- (d) death registration;
- (e) applications for temporary identity certificate;
- (f) collection of identity cards or documents;
- (g) applications and collection of passports for those who are exempted to travel;
- (h) applications for identity (smart) cards or documents for matriculants only;
- (i) all Back Office operational services to support front offices on the above services; and
- (j) visa services in terms of the Immigration Act for those categories of persons who are exempted to enter the Republic.

Amendment of paragraph 4 of the Directions published on 3 December 2020

6. The Directions are amended by the substitution for paragraph 4 of the following paragraph:

“4. These Directions are called the Eighth Amendment Directions to the Directions published in Government *Gazette* No. 43162, Government Notice No. 416 of 26 March 2020 and commence on the date of publication thereof in the Government *Gazette*.”

Short title and commencement

7. These Directions are called the Ninth Amendment Directions to the Directions published in Government *Gazette* No. 43162, Government Notice No. 416 of 26 March 2020 and commence on the date of publication thereof in the Government *Gazette*.

Annexure "A"
List of closed ports of entry with exemptions

| NEIGHBORING COUNTRY | | PROVINCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA | NAME OF PORT (REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA) |
|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | | Limpopo | Grobler's Bridge |
| | | North West | Skilpadshek |
| | | North West | Kopfontein |
| | | North West | Ramatlabama |
| KINGDOM ESWATINI | | KwaZulu-Natal | Golela |
| | | Mpumalanga | Oshoek |
| | | Mpumalanga | Mananga |
| | | Mpumalanga | Jeppe's Reef |
| | | Mpumalanga | Mahamba |
| KINGDOM LESOTHO | | Eastern Cape | Qacha's Nek |
| | | Free State | Maseru Bridge |
| | | Free State | Ficksburg |
| | | Free State | Caledonspoort |
| | | Free State | Van Rooyen's Gate |
| | | KwaZulu-Natal | Sani Pass |
| REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE | | Mpumalanga | Lebombo |
| | | KwaZulu-Natal | Kosi Bay |
| REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA | | Northern Cape | Nakop |
| | | Northern Cape | Violsdrift |
| REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE | | Limpopo | Beitbridge |

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