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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002**AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(7),
READ WITH REGULATION 41(1)(a), OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER
SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF
2002): MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF
COVID-19 AT SEA PORTS FOR ALERT LEVEL 1**

I, Fikile Mbalula, Minister of Transport, hereby, in terms of regulation 4(7)(b), read with regulation 75(7), of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), after consultation with the Cabinet members responsible for cooperative governance and traditional affairs, trade, industry and competition, health, justice and correctional services, finance and public enterprises, issue the directions as set out in the Schedule hereto, to address, prevent and combat the spread of the COVID-19 at sea ports.

**MR F.A. MBALULA, MP****MINISTER OF TRANSPORT****DATE:** 30/09/2020

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In these directions, the "Directions" means the Directions, published under Government Notice No. 496, in *Government Gazette* No. 43275 of 04 May 2020 and amended under Government Notice No. 895, published in *Government Gazette* No. 43629 of 20 August 2020.

Amendment of direction 5 of Directions

2. Direction 5 of the Directions is hereby amended by the addition after direction (1) of the following subdirection:

"(1A) The Authority must designate isolation centres at all commercial ports to facilitate screening, rapid testing and treatment of embarking and disembarking South African citizens or holders of permanent residence permits, crew and marine personnel."

Substitution of direction 6 of Directions

3. Direction 6 of the Directions is hereby substituted for the following direction:

"6. FOREIGN CREW CHANGES AND PROHIBITION OF CRUISE SHIPS CALLING AT SEA PORTS

(1) Foreign crew changes are permitted at all nine commercial ports.

(2) (a) Signing-on crew must produce a negative Polymerase Chain Reaction ("PCR") test certificate or a valid certificate of COVID-19 negative test results, obtained not more than 72 hours before the date of travel, from an accredited laboratory and in line with World Health Organization requirements at the first South African Port of Entry.

(b) In the event of a crew member's failure to produce a valid PCR test certificate, this will warrant quarantine, at the crew member's own cost.

(3) (a) Signing-off crews are not required to produce a valid PCR test certificate if the vessel has not had crew changes or has not visited a foreign port within 10 days before arrival at a South African sea port.

(b) A crew member's failure to adhere to the requirement contemplated in paragraph (a), will warrant quarantine, at the crew member's own cost.

(4) Foreign crew may layover at a designated quarantine facility for a period not exceeding seven days, at their own cost, but must proceed directly to Ports of Entry once this period has lapsed and must also comply with South African Immigration requirements and Port Health protocols.

(5) Cruise ships are prohibited from calling at any of the South African sea ports, except for the disembarkation of returning—

- (a) South African crew;
- (b) South African citizens; or
- (c) holders of South African permanent residence permits.

Substitution of direction 7 of Directions

4. Direction 7 of the Directions is hereby substituted for the following direction:

“7. PASSENGER SHIPS VISITING SOUTH AFRICAN SEA PORT

(1) All passenger ships for international leisure purposes are prohibited from disembarking any international passengers at any South African sea port.

(2) Passenger ships are allowed to call at any South African sea port only for the following purposes:

- (a) Disembarking returning South African citizens and holders of South African permanent residence permits;
- (b) replenishing fuel, stores and provisions;
- (c) medical evacuation; and
- (d) search and rescue.

(3) Registered research foreign vessels and marine safety tugs are allowed to dock at sea ports, subject to mandatory quarantine laws, as may be applicable.

(4) All other cargo vessels must be allowed to dock at sea ports for purposes of cargo works, repairs, replenishing fuel and provisions.

5. Commencement

This amendment comes into effect on the date of publication thereof in the *Government Gazette*.