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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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**AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(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**

I, Dr Zwelini Lawrence Mkhize, the Minister of Health hereby, in terms of regulation 4(10) of the Regulations made in terms section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), published in Government Gazette No. 43258, Government Notice No. R.480 of 29 April 2020, as amended by Government Notice No. 1276, published in Government Gazette No. 43954 of 03 December 2020, issue the directions set out in the Schedule, to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in South Africa.



**DR ZWELINI LAWRENCE MKHIZE, MP**  
**MINISTER OF HEALTH**

DATE: 14/12/2020

**Schedule****Definitions**

1. In these Directions a word or expression bears the meaning assigned to it in the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 and unless the context indicates otherwise-

**“cross border freight operators”** means persons entering through the borders of the Republic for the purposes of transporting cargo.

**Substitution of paragraph 17 of the Directions**

2. The Directions are hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph 17 of the following paragraph:

**"Persons entering the Republic**

17. (1) A person entering the Republic must be subjected to screening on arrival at the point of entry, including the completion of a traveller health questionnaire.

(2) A person who, during screening, is found to have had exposure to COVID-19 or is presenting with any signs and symptoms of COVID-19, must be subjected to a medical examination which may include testing and isolation.

(3) A person entering the Republic must on arrival at the point of entry, provide to the port health official the following:

- (a) A completed Traveller Health Questionnaire; and
- (b) a valid negative COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction test result, not older than 72 hours from the date of departure from the country of origin.

(4) A person who is not in possession of a valid negative COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction test result will be subjected to antigen testing at the point of entry and may be subjected to quarantine at an approved facility at his or her own cost.

(5) A person referred to in subparagraph (4) and who is subjected to quarantine-

- (a) must, on arrival at the point of entry, complete and sign a written declaration committing to adhere to quarantine requirements;
- (b) will be liable for all costs related to testing, quarantine and transportation.

(6) Persons entering the Republic are encouraged to install the COVID Alert SA mobile application on their mobile phones.

(7) A person who experiences any signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 whilst in the Republic, must seek medical attention and inform the medical practitioner of his or her travel history.

(8) The following category of persons are exempted from provisions of subparagraph (3)(b) but must comply with applicable entry requirements set out by the Department of Home Affairs;

- (a) Daily commuters from neighbouring countries who attend or teach at a school in the Republic;
- (b) Children below the age of five years;
- (c) cross border freight operators;
- (d) Airline crew and;
- (e) Medical evacuation crew undertaking medical evacuations

(9) Cross border freight operators referred to in subparagraph (8) must on entry into the country, be subjected to antigen testing at the cost of the employer and such test result shall remain valid for 30 days.

(10) Frequent travellers must comply with subparagraph (3), but the initial test result presented on entry for subsequent travel remains valid for 14 days.

(11) A person referred to in subparagraphs (8) must adhere to COVID-19 health protocols and must—

- (a) be subjected to screening protocols on arrival at the point of entry;
- (b) complete the Traveller Health Questionnaire; and
- (c) be subjected to a medical examination which may include testing, where necessary.

(12) (a) Airline crew permitted to layover by the Department of Transport may do so at a facility identified by the employer and must inform port health of such facility.

(b) Monitoring of crew in the layover facility is the responsibility of the employer.”

### **Commencement**

15. These Directions come into operation on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.