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DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002

AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(8) AND (10) 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, hereby 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: 25/3/2021

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, Government Notice No. 1277 of 3 December 2020 and Government Notice No. 44072 of 14 January 2021; 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, No. 11223 of 11 January 2021, No. R. 86 of 11 February 2021, No. 92 and No. 93 of 13 February 2021 and No. R. 152 of 28 February 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 March 2021 referred to in these paragraphs, of the date 30 June 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 The extension of the validity of visas or permits referred to in paragraph 2.1 above—

- (a) applies to visas issued for a period of less than 90 days which expired during the national state of disaster; and
- (b) does not apply to—
 - (i) visas issued for more than 90 days up to 3 years, study visas, treaty visas, business visas, medical treatment visas, general work visas, critical skills work visas, retired person visa and exchange visas which expired during the national state of disaster, whose holders must apply for visas at www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica on or before 31 July 2021; and
 - (ii) any visa or permit obtained on or after, or to persons who entered the Republic on or after, 15 March 2021.

2.3 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

2. The following paragraph is hereby substituted for paragraph 16 of the Directions:

“16. CLOSURE OF BORDERS

16.1 The list of closed ports of entry referred to in regulation 42(1) of the Regulations are as listed in Annexure “A”.

16.2 A person may be allowed entry into the Republic on condition that he or she submits, a valid certificate of a negative COVID-19 test, recognised by the World Health Organisation, which was obtained not more than 72 hours before the date of travel.

16.3 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 on arrival at his or her own cost and where such person tests positive for COVID-19, he or she will be required to isolate himself or herself at his or her own cost, for a period of 10 days.”.

Repeal of paragraphs 17D, 17E and 17F of the Directions

3. Paragraphs 17D, 17E and 17F of the Directions are hereby repealed.

Substitution of paragraph 17H of the Directions

4. The following paragraph is hereby substituted for paragraph 16 of the Directions:

“17H. SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 1

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

- (a) Births registration;
- (b) re-issuance of births certificates;
- (c) death registration;
- (d) applications for temporary identity certificate;
- (e) applications for identity cards or documents;
- (f) collection of identity cards or documents;
- (g) applications and collection of passports;
- (h) applications for amendments of personal particulars;
- (i) applications for rectification of personal particulars;
- (j) solemnisation and registration of marriages;
- (k) all Back Office operational services to support front offices on the above services;
- (l) visa services in terms of the Immigration Act; and
- (m) online renewal of refugee status and asylum seeker permits/visas.”.

Short title and commencement

4. These Directions are called the Tenth Amendment Directions to the Directions and commence on the date of publication thereof in the *Government Gazette*.

Annexure "A"

List of closed ports of entry

LAND PORTS

NEIGHBORING COUNTRY	PROVINCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	NAME OF PORT (REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA)
REPUBLIC BOTSWANA	Limpopo	Zanzibar
	Limpopo	Platjan
	Limpopo	Pontdrift
	Limpopo	Stockpoort
	North West	Derdepoort
	North West	Swartkopfontein Gate
	North West	Bray
	North West	Makopong
	North West	Makgobistad
	Northern Cape	MC Carthys Rest
	Northern Cape	Middelputs
	Northern Cape	Gemsbok
	Northern Cape	TweeRivieren
	KINGDOM ESWATINI	KwaZulu-Natal
Mpumalanga		Bothashoop
Mpumalanga		Emahlatini
Mpumalanga		Josefsdal
Mpumalanga		Nerston
Mpumalanga		Waverly
KINGDOM LESOTHO	Eastern Cape	Ramatsilitso Gate
	Eastern Cape	Ongeluksnek
	Eastern Cape	Telle Bridge
	Free State	Makhaleng Bridge
	Free State	Peka Bridge
	Free State	Monantsa Pass
	Free State	Sepapus Gate
	KwaZulu-Natal	Boesmansknek
REPUBLIC MOZAMBIQUE	Limpopo	Giriyondo
	Limpopo	Pafuri
REPUBLIC NAMIBIA	Northern Cape	Alexander Bay
	Northern Cape	Rietfontein
	Northern Cape	Onseepkans
	Northern Cape	Sendelingsdrift