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**DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE**

NO. R. 1687

19 January 2022

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002)****CLASSIFICATION OF A NATIONAL DISASTER IN TERMS OF SECTION 23 OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS**

I, Dr Mmaphaka Tau, in my capacity as the Head of the National Disaster Management Centre, after having deliberations with sector departments and the Provincial Disaster Management Centres, and after assessing the magnitude and severity of the severe weather events occurring in parts of the Republic that resulted in the loss of life and damage to property, infrastructure and the environment caused by flooding, strong winds, sink holes, landslides etc., and after having considered the information and recommendations received from the Provincial Disaster Management Centres, hereby give notice that on 19 January 2022, in terms of Section 23(1)(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), I classified these occurrences as a national disaster.

Emanating from the classification of this occurrence as a national disaster, in terms of section 26 read with section 23(8) of the Act, the primary responsibility to coordinate and manage this disaster, in terms of existing legislation and contingency arrangements, is designated to the national executive.

I hereby, in terms of Section 15(2)(aA) of the Act, read with section 23(8), call upon the organs of state to further strengthen support to existing structures to implement contingency arrangements and ensure that measures are put in place to enable the national executive to effectively deal with the effects of this disaster.

Also emanating from this classification, and the assistance provided by organs of state in terms of section 23(8) and sections 15(2)(aA) of the Act, organs of state are required to prepare and submit reports, as required by the National Disaster Management Centre and in the case of a declaration, report to the respective intergovernmental forums as outlined in section 24(4) - (8) of the Act.

The revocation of the classification is set out in the schedule hereto.



Dr Mmaphaka Tau

**Head: National Disaster Management Centre**

Date: 19 January 2022

#### Schedule

| Legal Provision   | Revocation of classification  |
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| The national executive dealt with the national disaster in terms of existing legislation and contingency arrangements without declaring a national state of disaster in terms of section 27(1)  | The classification is revoked by the Head: National Disaster Management Centre when the occurrence can no longer be regarded as a disaster in terms of section 2 of the Act |
| The national executive dealt with the national disaster in terms of existing legislation and contingency arrangements as augmented by regulations and or directions following the declaration of a national state of disaster in terms of section 27(2) | The classification of a national disaster is automatically revoked when the national state of disaster is terminated or lapses in terms of section 27(5) of the Act         |