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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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**MINISTER OF  
HOME AFFAIRS  
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Private Bag X9102, Cape Town, 8000, Tel: (021) 469 6507, Fax: (021) 461 4191**NOTICE TO ALL AFFECTED LESOTHO  
NATIONALS****MINISTER'S IMMIGRATION DIRECTIVE NO 5 OF 2023****RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION IN RESPECT OF GRANTING  
EXEMPTIONS TO LESOTHO NATIONALS IN TERMS OF SECTION 31(2)(b) OF  
THE IMMIGRATION ACT 13 OF 2002 AND REQUIREMENTS FOR AN  
APPLICATION FOR AN EXEMPTION PERMIT**

I, Dr PA Motsoaledi, MP, Minister of Home Affairs having, with the powers bestowed upon me in terms of section 31(2)(b) of the Immigration Act, decided to determine the requirements for an application for an exemption permit as follows:

1. An applicant must apply online through VFS Global platform at [www.vfsglobal.com](http://www.vfsglobal.com) by selecting the applicable permit category, complete the online application, pay the prescribed service fee and book an appointment at any of the VFS Global offices in South Africa.

2. On the appointment day, an applicant shall submit to VFS Global the following:
  - 2.1 A duly completed and signed online form for the exemption permit;
  - 2.2 An original valid passport issued by the Government of Lesotho valid for 120 calendar days;
  - 2.3 A copy of a valid passport issued by the Government of Lesotho valid for 120 calendar days;
  - 2.4 Proof of application for a new passport lodged with the relevant Lesotho authorities, in case of an expired passport;
  - 2.5 Proof of employment (if applicable);
  - 2.6 Proof of business registration with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission("CIPC") and South African Revenue Service ("SARS") (if applicable);
  - 2.7 Proof of registration with the relevant learning institution (if applicable);
  - 2.8 A certified record of birth(s) of minor child/children born in the Republic of South Africa and proof of address of the applicant (if applicable);

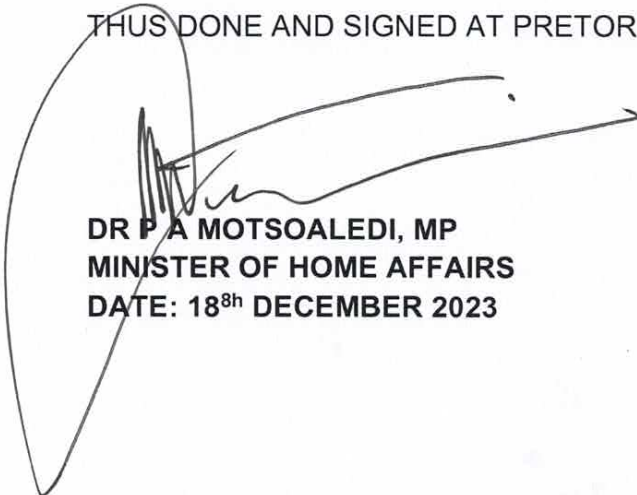
2.9 A certified copy of the exemption permit of which its validity was extended in terms of the Minister's Immigration Directive no 3 of 2023; and

2.10 Fingerprints.

Any enquiry related to the contents of this Directive, should be directed to the Acting Deputy Director- General: Immigration Services, Mr Modiri Matthews at Modiri.

Matthews@dha.gov.za or at **082 881 5308**

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT PRETORIA ON THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY DECEMBER 2023.



**DR P A MOTSOALEDI, MP**  
**MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS**  
**DATE: 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**