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CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN: REGULATIONS FOR THE HOTEL INDUSTRY TALKING POINTS

The regulations for the hotel sector strengthens our fight against COVID-19.

- The regulations allow for a united effort by the hotel sector in response to the declaration of COVID-19 as a national disaster.
- It exempts the hotel industry from the application of Sections 4 and 5 of the Competition Act, which prohibits uncompetitive agreements.
- Through the exemptions, government is strengthening its programmes designed to fight COVID-19.
- Parties participating in any agreements must keep minutes of meetings held and written records of such agreements or practices.
- Members of the public are urged to contact the Department of Tourism on +27 (0) 860 868 747 or on callcentre@tourism.gov.za

The regulations allow government and the industry to work together to identify facilities for quarantine.

- The regulations allows the hotel industry to collectively engage with the Department of Health and the Department of Tourism.
- It permits all stakeholders to work together in identifying and providing facilities for persons placed under quarantine.
- It allows the Department of Health and the Department of Tourism to reach agreements for the accommodation of persons placed under quarantine
- Industry participants can communicate with each other on their capacities and utilisation of facilities.

The regulations permit agreement on pricing for the industry to provide facilities for quarantine.

- It allows for discussion and agreements in the hotel industry on the reduction of the cost of providing appropriate facilities.

- These pricing agreements must be at the request of the Department of Health and the Department of Tourism.
- Department of Health and the Department of Tourism must be specifically authorised by the Minister of Health and Minister of Tourism.
- The agreements are subject to oversight and guidance by the Department of Health and the Department of Tourism.