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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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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: 29/6/2021

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, Government Notice No. 16 of 14 January 2021 and Government Notice No. 271 of 26 March 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, No. R. 152 of 28 February 2021, No. R. 284 of 30 March 2021, No. 376 of 22 April 2021, No. R. 477 of 30 May 2021, No. R. 530 of 15 June 2021, No. R. 532 of 17 June 2021 and No. R. 565 of 27 June 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 30 June 2021 referred to in these paragraphs, of the date 30 September 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 holders of visas or permits who have not departed the Republic since the announcement of the national state of disaster in March 2020, and had arrived with a valid visitor's visa between December 2019 and 14 March 2021; and
- (b) does not apply to any visa obtained on or after, or to persons who entered the Republic on or after, 15 March 2021.

2.3 The holders of visas issued for more than 90 days up to 3 years, study visas, treaty visas, business visas, medical treatment visas, relative's visa, general work visas, critical skills work visas, retired person visa and exchange visas which expired during the national state of disaster must apply for visas at www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica on or before 30 September 2021 or leave the Republic.

2.4 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 26(1) of the Regulations are as listed in Annexure “A”.

16.2 A person allowed entry into the Republic must provide 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.”.

Substitution of paragraph 17H of the Directions

3. The following paragraph is hereby substituted for paragraph 17H of the Directions:

“17H. SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

17H.1 The following services will be rendered by the Department of Home Affairs during Alert Level 4 of the period of the national state of disaster:

- (a) Births registration;
- (b) re-issuance of birth and marriage certificates;
- (c) late registration of birth for learners only, on appointment basis;
- (d) death registration;
- (e) applications for temporary identity certificates;
- (f) applications for first time identity card or document;
- (g) collection of identity cards or documents;
- (h) solemnisation and registration of marriages;
- (i) applications and collection of passports for persons who are to take up employment or studies abroad or attend funerals, on submission of proof therefor;
- (j) applications for travel documents for persons who are to take up employment or studies abroad, attend funerals or other emergency situations, on submission of proof therefor;
- (k) applications for retention and renunciation of citizenship;
- (l) processing of unabridged birth certificates applications for first time ID card or document applications;
- (m) all Back Office amendment and document management services;
- (n) all Back Office operational services to support front Offices on the above services;
- (o) visa services in terms of the Immigration Act; and
- (p) online renewal of refugee status and asylum seeker permits/visas.”.

17H.2 The permit services in terms of the Immigration Act will be rendered by the Department of Home Affairs as follows:

- (a) permanent residence permits appeals applications with effect from 1 October 2021;
- (b) proof of permanent residence permits applications with effect from 1 October 2021; and
- (c) permanent residence permits applications with effect from 1 January 2022.

Short title and commencement

4. These Directions are called the Eleventh 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	OF	PROVINCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	NAME OF PORT (REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA)
REPUBLIC BOTSWANA	OF	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	OF	KwaZulu-Natal	Onverwacht
		Mpumalanga	Bothashoop
		Mpumalanga	Emahlatini
		Mpumalanga	Josefsdal
		Mpumalanga	Nerston
		Mpumalanga	Waverly
KINGDOM LESOTHO	OF	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	Boesmansnek
REPUBLIC MOZAMBIQUE	OF	Limpopo	Giriyondo
		Limpopo	Pafuri
REPUBLIC NAMIBIA	OF	Northern Cape	Alexander Bay
		Northern Cape	Rietfontein
		Northern Cape	Onseepkans
		Northern Cape	Sendelingsdrift

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