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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**No. R. 67****28 January 2009****SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 2004****AMENDMENT: REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION FOR AND PAYMENT OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND THE REQUIREMENTS OR CONDITIONS IN RESPECT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The Minister of Social Development has, in terms of section 32 of the Social Assistance Act, 2004 (Act No. 13 of 2004), made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the regulations published by Government Notice No. R.898 of 22 August 2008.

Amendment of regulation 1 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for the definition of “designated officer” of the following definition:

“designated officer’ -

- (a) means an official in the employ of the Agency; and
- (b) for purposes of social relief of distress means any person designated as such by the Agency;”.

Insertion of regulation 16A in the Regulations

3. The following regulation is hereby inserted after regulation 16 of the Regulations:

“Exceptional circumstances under which social relief of distress may be provided

16A.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 9(2) and (3) and regulation 16(1)(c) and (4) of the Regulations, social relief of distress may be provided to a child where -

- (a) the prevailing economic circumstances in the Republic warrants the provision of social relief of distress; or
- (b) failure to provide such social relief of distress would cause undue hardship to the child.

(2) The provisions of subregulation (1) only apply in respect of the amount of R500 million appropriated to the Department of Social Development for social relief of distress as part of the 2008/2009 Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure.

(3) Upon the amount of money contemplated in subregulation (2) being exhausted, the provisions of regulation 16A will cease to apply.”

Commencement

4. These regulations will, notwithstanding the date of publication of this notice, come into effect on the 1 November 2008.
