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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

NO. R. 518

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002

AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 10(8) 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, MP**, the Minister of Home Affairs, having issued Directions published in *Government Gazette* No. 43162, Government Notice No. 416 of 26 March 2020, hereby, in terms of regulation 4(8), read with regulation 4(10) of the Regulations made in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) and published in *Government Gazette* No. 43258, Government Notice No. R480 dated 29 April 2020, issue the Directions set out in the Schedule regarding temporary measures in respect of entry into or exit from of the Republic for emergency medical attention for life threatening condition, for the return of South African citizens and the repatriation of foreign nationals to their countries of nationality or residence in order to prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19.



DR PAKISHE AARON MOTSOALEDI, MP
MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

DATE: 9/5/2020

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; and

“**Regulations**” means the Regulations issued 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. R480 of 29 April 2020.

Substitution of paragraph 17 of Directions

2. The Directions are amended by the substitution for paragraph 17 of the following paragraphs:

“17A. ENTRY INTO OR EXIT FROM REPUBLIC FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR LIFE-THREATENING CONDITION

17A.1 A person who wishes to enter into, or exit from, the Republic for emergency medical attention for a life-threatening condition as contemplated in regulation 4(8) of the Regulations, must apply to an immigration officer at a port of entry, which immigration officer must inform the Minister of Home Affairs of the application and obtain approval for the intended travel.

17A.2 When a person referred to in paragraph 17A.1 requires assistance with physical movement or care, the person providing assistance must be screened and, where applicable, be subjected to mandatory quarantine.

17A.3 An application referred to in paragraph 17A.1 must be supported by—
(a) documentary proof of the applicant’s life-threatening condition; and
(b) a copy of the applicant’s valid passport.

17B. ENTRY BY SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AND EXIT BY FOREIGNERS TO BE REPATRIATED TO COUNTRIES OF NATIONALITY OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE

17B.1 A South African citizen or permanent resident, who wishes to enter into the Republic during the period of the national state of disaster must apply, 72 hours prior to the intended entry into the Republic, to the South African Mission in the country in which he or she is, or where there is no South African Mission, the Consular Services at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, which Mission or the latter Department, must inform the Minister of Home Affairs of the application and obtain prior approval for the intended entry.

17B.2 An application referred to in paragraph 17B.1 must be supported by—

- (a) a copy of the applicant's passport or identity card or document;
- (b) a copy of the applicant's permanent residence permit, if applicable; and
- (c) details regarding the applicant's travel itinerary in the last two months.

17B.3 A South African citizen or permanent resident referred to in paragraph 17B.1 who is permitted to enter the Republic must, upon arrival at the port of entry, be referred for a mandatory quarantine.

17B.4 A foreigner who is to be repatriated to his or her country of nationality or permanent residence during the period of the national state of disaster, must apply to the relevant diplomatic or consular mission in the Republic responsible for consular services pertaining to his or her country, 72 hours prior to the intended date of departure.

17B.5 The diplomatic or consular mission referred to in paragraph 17B.4 must, through the diplomatic channel, and in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of International Relations and Cooperation and the Department of Transport, notify the Minister of Home Affairs, or a person designated by him or her in writing, of the application and obtain prior approval for the intended exit.

17B.6 An application referred to in paragraph 17B.4 must be supported by—

- (a) a copy of the applicant's valid passport;
- (b) a copy of the applicant's temporary residence visa or permanent residence permit; and
- (c) proof of the applicant's means of travel.

17C. OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

17C.1 The application of paragraph 14 of the Directions is hereby extended to officials of international organisations accredited to the Republic and their families.

17C.2 Subject to the applicable COVID-19 quarantine and isolation requirements determined by the Department of Health, the movement of resident diplomats, including movement for the purposes of providing consular support to foreign nationals and officials of international organisations accredited to the Republic, will be determined by the guidelines issued by the Department of International Relations and Cooperation through the diplomatic channel.

17D. SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

17D. 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) Re-issue of birth and death certificates;
- (b) issuance of temporary identity certificates;
- (c) registration of deaths;
- (d) registration of birth, excluding late registration of birth;
- (e) collection of identity cards or documents; and
- (f) application for, and collection of, passports for persons engaged in the delivery of essential goods across the borders of the Republic and those travelling outside of the Republic for receiving medical services.”.

Short title and commencement

3. These Directions are called Amendment Directions to the Directions published in *Government Gazette* No. 43162, Government Notice No. 416 of 26 March 2020 and commence on the date of publication thereof in the *Government Gazette*.

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