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### Covid-19 Industry Updates

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## Guidelines to Freight Logistics operations under the conditions of Government Notice 43258 issued by the Minister of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs on 29 April 2020.

At all times it is prudent to read this simplified document with the Notice as published by the Minister. For ease of reference and understanding, the Association has simplified the Gazette and highlighted aspects that are specifically of importance to its Members.

Focus of this Gazette:

- Whilst the Gazette includes the amended version of Gazette 43148 published on 25 March 2020, this gazette details the amendments / withdrawal of restrictions that are currently in place, as well as other important aspects of Alert Level 4.

All amendments / additions are highlighted in yellow.

## Movement of goods

### Regulation 21: Closure of Borders

All borders are OPEN for the transport of fuel, cargo and goods (these DO NOT have to be essential goods as defined by the gazette).

### Regulation 22: Transportation of Cargo

Road transport is permitted for the movement of cargo to other countries AND the transport within the country of the following:

- Import of essential goods as detailed in annexure B (later in this document),
- Import of materials / components for manufacturing as allowed in Alert Level 4,
- Cargo at points of entry (sea, air and land),
- Goods in transit through the country,
- Goods for export as detailed in annexure C (later in this document),
- Goods within the country,
- Goods as specified by the Minister of Transport for whatever special circumstances may be required due to Covid-19

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## Annexure B

### Essential goods for import: Regulation 22(1)

ESSENTIAL GOODS FOR IMPORT	
1.	Food products, including non-alcoholic beverages and animal feed .
2.	Sanitary pads, sanitary tampons, condoms.
3.	Hand sanitiser, disinfectants, soap, alcohol for industrial use, household cleaning products, and personal protective equipment, excluding cloth face masks.
4.	Products for the care of babies and toddlers.
5.	Personal toiletries, including haircare, body and face care products, roll-ons, deodorants, and dental care products.
6.	Medical and hospital supplies, medicine, equipment and personal protective equipment (excluding cloth face masks).
7.	Fuel, including coal, wood, paraffin and gas.
8.	Hardware, components and supplies.
9.	Components for aftersales vehicles services.
10.	Chemicals, packaging and ancillary products used in the production of any these products.
11.	Textiles required to produce face masks, and other personal protective equipment.
12.	ICT equipment to facilitate work-from-home arrangements including computers, mobile telephones and other home office equipment.

## Annexure C

### Permitted goods for export: Regulation 22(1)(e)

PERMITTED GOODS FOR EXPORT	
1.	Agricultural, agro-processing, forestry and fishing products
2.	Manufacturing products and mining products permitted for production under the Alert Level 4 table subject to directions issued by the relevant Minister

## Annexure D

### Essential Services

1. Medical, Health (including Mental Health), Laboratory and Medical services and the National Institute for Communicable Diseases;
2. Disaster Management, Fire Prevention, Fire Fighting and Emergency Services;
- 3.1 (a) The following services necessary to maintain the functioning of a financial system as defined in section 1(1) of the Financial Sector Regulation Act, only when the operation of a place of business or entity is necessary to continue to perform those services:

- (i) The banking environment (including the operations of mutual banks, co-operative banks, co-operative financial institutions and the Postbank);
  - (ii) The payments environment;
  - (iii) The financial markets (including market infrastructures licensed under the Financial Markets Act, 2012 (Act No 19 of 2012));
  - (iv) The insurance environment;
  - (v) The savings and investment environment;
  - (vi) Pension fund administration;
  - (vii) Outsourced administration;
  - (viii) Medical schemes administration; and
  - (ix) Additional services set out in directions
- (b) the services listed in paragraph (a) may not be construed to include debt collection services.

### 3.2 Services necessary for the provision of social grants;

4 Production and sale of the goods listed in Annexure B;

5 Wholesale and retail stores for re-stocking;

6 Electricity (including vital demand management services), water, gas and fuel production, supply and maintenance;

7 Critical jobs for essential government services as determined by Head of National or Provincial Departments in accordance with the guidance by the DPSA, including Social Grant Payments and pension payments;

8 Essential municipal services;

9 Care services and social relief of distress provided to older persons, mentally ill, persons with disabilities, the sick, and children;

10 Funeral and cremation services, including mortuaries services and the transportation of mortal remains;

11 Wildlife Management, Anti-poaching, Animal Care and Veterinary services;

12 Newspaper, broadcasting and telecommunication infrastructure and services, including call centres critical for the support of such services;

13 Production and sale of any chemicals, hygiene products, pharmaceuticals for the medical or retail sector;

14 Cleaning, sanitation, sewerage, waste and refuse removal services;

15 Services related to the essential functioning of courts, judicial officers, the Master of the High Court, Sheriffs and legal practitioners required for those services;

16 Essential SARS services defined by the Commissioner of SARS;

17 Police, peace officers, traffic officers, military medical personnel and soldiers, correctional services officials and traffic management services;

18 Postal services and courier services related to transport of medical products;

- 19 Private security services;
- 20 Air-traffic Navigation, Civil Aviation Authority, **air charters**, Cargo Shipping and dockyard services;
- 21 Gold, gold refinery, coal **and mining**;
- 22 Accommodation used for persons rendering essential services, quarantine, isolation and the lockdown;
- 23 Production, manufacturing, supply, logistics, transport, delivery, critical maintenance and repair in relation to the rendering of essential services including components and equipment;
- 24 Transport services for persons rendering essential services and goods, and transportation of patients;
- 25 Services rendered by the Executive, members of Parliament, Members of the Provincial Legislature, Members of Local Councils, the Judiciary, traditional leaders and National Office Bearers of Political Parties represented in Parliament;
- 26.1 Commissioners of the South African Human Rights Commission, Gender Commission, and the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities, and the Public Protector and Deputy Public Protector; and
- 26.2 Services rendered by the institutions referred to in item 26.1;**
- 27 Transport and logistics in respect of **cargo and goods as set out in Part A** to neighbouring countries;
- 28 Tow trucks and vehicle recovery services;
- 29 Call centres necessary to provide health, safety, social support, government and financial services, **debt restructuring for consumers of retailers, and access to short-term insurance policies as a result of reduced income or loss of income**;
- 30 Harvesting and storage activities essential to prevent wastage of primary agricultural goods;
- 31 Implementation of payroll systems to the extent that such arrangement has **not been made, to ensure** timeous payments to workers; and
- 32 Critical maintenance services which cannot be delayed for more than 21 days and are essential to resume operations;
- 33 Trades necessary for the rendering of emergency repair work, including plumbers, electricians, locksmiths, glaziers, roof repair work;**
- 34 Trades necessary for emergency automobile repairs for persons rendering essential services;**
- 35 Information and Communication Technology services rendered to entities and institutions engaged in delivering essential services in terms of these regulations.**

# Annexure E

## Workplace Plans: Regulation 16(6)(b)

A COVID-ready Workplace Plan must be developed prior to the reopening of an enterprise employing persons or serving the public.

For small businesses, the plan can be basic reflecting the size of the business, while for medium and larger businesses, a more detailed written plan should be developed given the larger numbers of persons at the workplace.

The Plan for medium and large businesses must include the following:

1. The date the business will open and the hours of opening;
2. The timetable setting out the phased return-to-work of employees, to enable appropriate measures to be taken to avoid and reduce the spread of the virus in the workplace;
3. The steps taken to get the workplace COVID-19 ready;
4. A list of staff who can work from home; staff who are 60 years or older; and staff with comorbidities who will be required to stay at home or work from home;
5. Arrangements for staff in the establishment:
  - (a) sanitary and social distancing measures and facilities at the entrance and exit to the workplace;
  - (b) screening facilities and systems;
  - (c) the attendance-record system and infrastructure;
  - (d) the work-area of employees;
  - (e) any designated area where the public is served;
  - (f) canteen and bathroom facilities;
  - (g) testing facilities (for establishments with more than 500 employees);
  - (h) staff rotational arrangements (for establishments where fewer than 100% of employees will be permitted to work).
6. Arrangements for customers or members of the public, including sanitation and social distancing measures.

## Restrictions on the movement of persons Persons in vehicles

The current restrictions remain in place with regard to large gatherings, funerals, places closed to the public, controlled visits.

Children can move back to their parents should they have been separated at the start of the current lock down – whilst movement between shared parents will now be allowed.

The current restrictions remain in place relating to the occupancy of a taxi and private vehicle until amended by the Minister of Transport – however e-hailing services, busses and trains will resume operation under strict conditions to accommodate the return of employees as businesses restart.

Various forms have been added: court order relating to Covid-19 requirements, permits to move children, attend a funeral and an affidavit relating to a funeral.

# Restrictions on economic activity

## Alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes and related products

The current restrictions remain in place (no sale or transportation thereof).

## Operation of economic sectors

All businesses and entities that restart (whether fully or partially) are required to ensure the health directions relating to the prevention and combatting of the spread of Covid-19 are adhered to.

Table 01 of the Gazette details the businesses that can restart. Mining operations are restricted to percentage of restart based on the type of operation.

Essential and permitted services can only be performed under authority of a permit (Form 2). The permit to perform an essential service must be issued by the head of an institution.

An example is added at the end of this document.

## Validity of driving licences, PrDPs, Road Worthy Certificates (CoR), vehicle registrations (Licences) and operator cards

The Gazette determines that the “lockdown” is until 23h59 on 30 April 2020.

This means that the the 30 days grace granted for expired learners licenses, driving licences, motor vehicle license disks, PrDPs and roadworthy certificates will commence from 01 May 2020.

Motor trade numbers that validity expired during lockdown must be renewed within 6 months from 01 May 2020.

It should be noted that several regulations in this Gazette refer to the Minister of Transport being required to set directives. These may detail further requirements relating to public transport (passenger) and/or freight (goods).

Further Amendments / additions as received and where pertinent to the operations of Members will be communicated as received.

# Permit to perform an essential or permitted service

## Regulations 16(2)(b) and 28(4)

The Person to whom this Permit is issued must at all times have an acceptable form of identification available - to be presented together with this permit.

If no identification is presented the person to whom the permit is issued will have to return to his or her place of residence during Alert Level 4.

### Details of Employee providing essential / permitted service:

Surname				
Full names				
Identity number				
Contact details	Cell nr.	Tel nr (w)	Tel nr (h)	email

Physical residential address of Employee	
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### Certification by institution / company / organisation:

Surname	
Full names	
Identity number	

Physical address of Company	
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Official logo / stamp of institution / company
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I hereby certify that the individual identified above is involved in / performing an essential service

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CEO: (Print Name)

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CEO (Signature)

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Date