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Attention: Agri SA members

Dear members

## **RE: LATEST LEVEL 3 REGULATIONS AND DIRECTIONS PUBLISHED BY VARIOUS MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENTS**

On 25 June 2020 the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs published revised regulations relating to Alert level 3. Most agricultural activities has been exempted from lockdown regulations, therefore no new regulations or directives have been published which affects the agricultural value chain.

The [regulations have been amended for Alert Level 3](#) and the following have been added:

### **MOVEMENT OF PERSONS**

33. (1) A person may leave his or her place of residence to-

- (a) perform any service, **as permitted under Alert Level 3;**
- (b) travel to and from work;
- (c) buy goods or obtain services, as permitted under Alert Level 3;
- (d) move children, as allowed;
- (e) exercise between the hours of 06h00 to 18h00: Provided that the exercise is not done in organised groups of **more than four people** and adheres to health protocols and social distancing measures;
- (f) attend a place of worship in the same or another metropolitan area or district within the same province;
- (g) attend a school or learning institution, once these are opened; and
- (h) travel for leisure purposes as allowed under Alert Level 3.**

(4) **Movement of persons between provinces is prohibited, except for-**

- (a) persons doing so in the course of carrying out work responsibilities or performing any service permitted under Alert Level 3, provided that such person is in possession of a permit issued by the employer which corresponds with Form 2 of Annexure A;
- (b) persons travelling for purposes of-
  - (i) moving to a new place of residence; or
  - (ii) caring for an immediate family member: Provided that such person is in possession of an affidavit which corresponds with Form 6 of Annexure A;
- (c) members of Parliament performing oversight responsibilities;

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- (a) learners or students referred to in regulation 34(5) who have to commute to and from those schools or institutions of higher learning during periods when those schools or institutions are permitted to operate;
- (b) the attendance of funerals as provided for in regulation 35;

## **GATHERINGS**

37. (1) All gatherings are prohibited except a gathering at-

- (a) a faith-based institution, which is limited to 50 persons or less, depending on the size of the place of worship: Provided that all health protocols and social distancing measures are being adhered to as provided for in directions that must be issued by the Cabinet member responsible for cooperative governance and traditional affairs;
- (b) a funeral, subject to regulation 35;
- (c) a workplace for work purposes;
- (d) conferences and meetings which is subject to-
  - (i) a limitation of 50 persons, excluding those who participate through electronic platforms;
  - (ii) restricted to business purposes; and
  - (iii) strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures as provided for in directions that must be issued by the responsible Cabinet member, after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health;
- (e) **cinemas, subject to-**
  - (i) a limitation of 50 persons or less;
  - (ii) sale of tickets through a booking system; and
  - (iii) strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures as provided for in directions that must be issued by the responsible Cabinet member, after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health;
- (f) **theatres, subject to-**
  - (i) a limitation of 50 persons or less;
  - (ii) strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures as provided for in directions that must be issued by the responsible Cabinet member, after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health, and;
  - (iii) limitation on performers and crew to a maximum of 15 persons including live streaming or recording for distribution on digital platforms;
- (g) **casinos, subject to-**
  - (i) a restriction on the number of persons allowed in the casino to not more than 50 percent of the available floor space, with patrons observing a distance of least one and a half metres from each other: Provided that this percentage may be increased as provided for in directions issued by the Cabinet member; and
  - (ii) strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures as provided for in directions that must be issued by the responsible Cabinet member, after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health;
- (h) an agricultural auction, subject to directions issued by the Cabinet member responsible for agriculture; or
- (i) sporting activities; subject to directions issued by the Cabinet member responsible for sport after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health, in the following manner-
  - (i) non-contact sports matches, which may only include players, match officials, journalists, medical and television crew; and
  - (ii) contact sports for training only;

- (j) **museums, galleries, libraries and archives**, subject to strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures as provided for in directions that must be issued by the responsible Cabinet member, after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health;
- (k) **personal care services**, including hairdressing, beauty treatments, make-up and nails salons and piercing and tattoo parlours, as identified in directions by the responsible Cabinet member, in consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health, as safe to resume, under specified conditions; and
- (l) **restaurants**, subject to the strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures as provided for in directions that must be issued by the responsible Cabinet member, after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health.

## **PLACES AND PREMISES CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

39. (1) A place or premises normally open to the public, where cultural, sporting, entertainment, leisure, exhibitional, organisational or similar activities may take place, is closed to the public, and all gatherings at these places or premises are prohibited, save for the exceptions in subregulation (2) and in regulation 37.

(2) The places or premises referred to in subregulation (1) include -

- (a) gyms and fitness centres;
- (b) sports grounds and fields and swimming pools, except for-
  - (i) training of professional athletes and non -contact sports matches as referred to in regulation 37(1)(i)(i); and
  - (ii) contact sports for training only, with restricted use of facilities as referred to in regulation 37(1)(i)(ii);
- (c) fêtes and bazaars;
- (d) night clubs;
- (e) accommodation establishments not formally accredited and licensed, such as private homes for paid leisure accommodation;
- (f) conference facilities, except for business use as referred to in regulation 37(1)(d);
- (g) any on-consumption premises, including bars, taverns, shebeens and similar establishments, except as provided for in regulation 44; and
- (h) beaches and public parks.

## **TABLE 2: ALERT LEVEL 3**

All persons who are able to work from home must do so. However, persons will be permitted to perform any type of work outside the home, and to travel to and from work and for work purposes under Alert Level 3, subject to-

- (a) strict compliance with health protocols and social distancing measures;
- (b) the return to work being phased-in in order to put in place measures to make the workplace COVID-19 ready;
- (c) the return to work being done in a manner that avoids and reduces risks of infection; and
- (d) the work not being listed under the specific economic exclusions in this Table.

## **SPECIFIC ECONOMIC EXCLUSIONS**

- (a) On-site consumption of liquor.

- (b) Short term home-sharing/letting/leasing/rental for leisure purposes.
- (c) Domestic passenger air travel for leisure purposes, until directions with health protocols and social distancing measures are issued by the relevant Cabinet member responsible for transport.
- (d) Passenger ships for leisure purposes.
- (e) Sporting events, except as provided for in Chapter 4 of the Regulations.
- (f) Exclusions relating to public transport services as set out in the directions issued by the Cabinet member responsible for transport.
- (g) Exclusions relating to education services as set out in the directions issued by the Cabinet members responsible for education.

The following general directives were published of which you can take note of:

1. [Directions by the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies:](#)
  - Directions on the Risk-Adjusted Strategy for the Communications and Digital Technologies Sector.
2. [Directions by the Department of Small Business Development:](#)
  - Directions on protocols for the Personal Care Services.
3. [Directions by the Department of Correctional Services:](#)
  - Directions in correctional centres and remand detention facilities for alert levels 3, 4 and 5.
4. [Directions by the Department of Basic Education:](#)
  - Directions on the re-opening of schools.
5. [Directions by the Department of Health:](#)
  - Directions on quarantine costs.

Kind regards

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