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Attention: Agri SA members

Dear members

**RE: LATEST LEVEL 3 AMENDED REGULATIONS PUBLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

President, Cyril Ramaphosa addressed the nation last night regarding the increased spread of COVID-19 virus which is placing severe strain on our health system. On the recommendation of the National Coronavirus Command Council, Cabinet has decided that the country will remain at alert level 3, but that existing regulations should be strengthened, and certain additional measures should be taken.

The Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs has published in Government Gazette No. 43521 on 12 July 2020 certain amended regulations. You may take notice of the following amendments:

1. All persons must wear a mask when entering a public space, perform essential services or when using public transport.
2. When a person undertakes vigorous exercise a distance of 3 meters should be upheld;
3. Every employer must provide its employee with a cloth mask (or appropriate face covering), and must ensure that the employee wears a mask when performing a duty;
4. Every person is confined to his or her place of residence from 21H00 until 0400 daily, except where a person has been granted a permit, which corresponds with Form 2 of Annexure A, to perform a service permitted under Alert Level 3, or is attending to a security or medical emergency.
5. Auctions can continue provided that strict health and safety protocols are followed;

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6. Bus and taxi services may operate provided that all occupants must wear a mask (or appropriate face covering) when travelling. For intra-provincial and permitted inter-provincial travel public transport may not carry more than 70% of the licensed capacity and for trips less than 200km 100% of the licensed capacity.
7. The sale, dispensing and distribution of liquor is prohibited, except for:
  - a. alcohol required for industries producing hand sanitizers, disinfectants, soap or alcohol for industrial use and household cleaning products;
  - b. for export purposes; or
  - c. from manufacturing plants to storage facilities.
8. The sale of tobacco, tobacco products, e-cigarettes and related products is prohibited except for export and the sale of tobacco from farmers to local processors or local manufacturers or from processors to manufacturers.

When performing an essential/permitted service a person will require a permit which corresponds with Form 2 of Annexure A of the regulations relating to Alert Level 4. A new permit is published in the regulations of 12 July 2020 which substitutes the previous permit. Attached to this letter is a new permit. Kindly take note that there are only cosmetic changes to the previous permit and is not substantial.

Kind regards

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