



Covid-19 Regulatory Update
27 March 2020

Covid-19 related guidelines and regulations available at <https://www.gov.za/coronavirus/guidelines>.

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AVIATION

Government Gazette

International Air Service Act 60 of 1993

Ministerial Order regarding International Air Services (COVID-19 Restrictions on the Movement of Air Travel) Regulations, 2020 and other Regulations published under GenN175 in GG 43105 of 18 March 2020: Repeal.

GenN218 GG 43166 p3 26Mar2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43166_26-3_Transport.pdf

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COMMUNICATIONS

Government Gazettes

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Directions issued by Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies: Electronic Communications, Postal and Broadcasting.

GN417 GG 43164 p3 26Mar2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43164_26-3_Telecommunications.pdf

Media Statement

Post Office to remain open during lockdown.

2020 Mar 26 SA News

“The SA Post Office (Sapo) retail branches nationwide will stay open as normal during the 21-day nationwide lockdown so as to facilitate the payments of the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) social grants. In response to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, on Monday President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a 21-day lockdown effective midnight on Thursday for South Africa. “... We are designated to provide this important national service and we are cognisant of the importance of social grants for a sizeable part of our population constituting mostly vulnerable people,” Sapo Acting CEO Ivumile Nongogo said.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/post-office-remain-open-during-lockdown>

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COMPETITION

Media Statement

Thirty companies investigated for excessive price hikes.

2020 Mar 26 SA News

“The National Consumer Commission (NCC), working jointly with the Competition Commission, has launched an investigation into allegations of excessive price hikes by 30 retailers from various provinces in the country since the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The NCC is currently investigating 19 retailers, while the Competition Commission investigates 11 retailers. Acting Consumer Commissioner Thezi Mabuza said that the NCC, through its call centre, has received a number of complaints from consumers on excessive price hikes on items, including hand sanitizers, facial masks, Dettol and toilet paper, amongst others.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/thirty-companies-investigated-excessive-price-hikes>

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COURTS

Government Gazettes

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Directions issued by Minister of Justice and Correctional Services in terms of Regulation 10 of the Regulations under the Act: To address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in all courts, court precincts and justice service points in the Republic of South Africa.

RGN418 GG 43167 p3 26Mar2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43167_26-3_COGTA.pdf

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Government Gazettes

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Regulations made in terms of section 27(2) by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: Amendment of Regulations published in GN318 of 18 March 2020.

RGN419 GG 43168 p3 26Mar2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43168_26-3_COGTA.pdf

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EMPLOYMENT

Media Release

Labour on leave provision during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 26 Mar 2020.

“The effect of the three-week lockdown will most probably have a negative impact on employers and employees in South Africa. All employees in South Africa as a condition of their employment are entitled to leave provisions as set out in the Basic Conditions of Employment Act. The BCEA recognises certain forms of leave, which may, depending on the circumstances, be applicable to the employee's absence as a result of COVID-19. During the lockdown period, an employee may be requested by the employer to take annual leave from his/her annual leave credits. The BCEA allows employers to determine the time that employees can take their annual leave.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/labour-implications-basic-conditions-employment-act-leave-provision-during-covid-19>

Media Statement

No labour matters to be heard during lockdown. 26 Mar 2020.

2020 Mar 27 SA News

“As the country gears up for the 21-day nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of the Coronavirus, the Labour Court says no matters will be heard during this period. “With respect to access to the Labour Courts, no matters will be allocated for hearing from Friday 27 March until 16 April 2020 both days inclusive. “Matters already allocated will not be heard and will be removed from the roll,” said the Office of the Judge President of the Labour Court. No Judges will be available at court to consider any matter nor will any member of staff be available to receive any documents.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/no-labour-matters-be-heard-during-lockdown>

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MEDICAL LAW

Media Release

Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms total of 927 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 26 Mar 2020.

“As of today, the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Africa have risen by 218. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 927. The Provincial breakdown is as follows: Gauteng – 409; Western Cape – 229; KwaZulu Natal – 134; Free State - 49; North West – 5; Mpumalanga – 9; Limpopo – 6; Eastern Cape – 5; Northern Cape – 2 and Unallocated – 79.

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-total-927-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-26-mar-2020-0000>

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PERSONS AND FAMILY LAW

Media Release

Minister Lindiwe Zulu on safety of children during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 26 Mar 2020.

“As the coronavirus outbreak spreads across the country, Social Development has been inundated with calls from parents who have joint custody of their children on where their children should stay during the 21-day lockdown period as proclaimed by President Cyril Ramaphosa on 23 March 2020. Amid concerns of the safety and well-being of children during the lockdown due to COVID-19, which is disrupting family routines and support systems, the Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu wishes to urge all parents/caregivers, including those with joint custody, to ensure the protection of children and that their actions and decisions are in the best interest of their children.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-lindiwe-zulu-safety-children-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-26-mar-2020-0000>

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RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS

Government Gazettes

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Directions issued by Minister of Transport to address, prevent and combat the spread of the COVID -19.

(1) The purpose of the directions is to provide for the:

- (a) prohibition on cruise ships calling at any of the sea ports;
- (b) improved hygiene control and sterilization facilities on ships, sea ports, port facilities operated by licensed operator; off -shore cargo handling facility; port repair facilities; provider of port services, port terminals, terminal operations and in licensed port operations; and (c) implementation of a tracking, tracing and monitoring system at sea ports and reporting.

GenN216 GG 43163 p3 26Mar2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43163_26-3_Transport.pdf

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SAFETY AND SECURITY

Media Releases

Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces to send well wishes to Police Services and National Defence Force. 26 Mar 2020.

“President Cyril Ramaphosa will today, 26 March 2020, deliver well wishes to the South African Police Services and the South African National Defence Force ahead of the National Lockdown. The South African Police Services and the South African National Defence Force will from mid night today play an important role in supporting and enforcing the nations’ compliance with the restriction of movement of people under the National State of Disaster and lockdown.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-deliver-well-wishes-south-african-police-services-and-south>

Premier Alan Winde on safety measures during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 26 Mar 2020.

“As the country prepares to go into a 21-day national lockdown at midnight, I have an important message that I want to convey to all our residents across the Western Cape: Staying home, inside your home, for the next three weeks, is the only way we are going to save lives. I know what we are asking for is difficult, and it is scary, but we have overcome many, many challenges as a country. We can do it again, together. But it needs each and every one of us to do our bit by staying in our homes.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-alan-winde-safety-measures-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-26-mar-2020-0000>

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STATE OF DISASTER AND LOCKDOWN

Government Gazettes

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Amendment of [GN318 of 18 March 2020](#), as amended by [RGN398 of 25 March 2020](#).

RGN419 GG 43168 p3 26Mar2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43168_26-3_COGTA.pdf

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TRANSPORTATION

Government Gazettes

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Directions issued by Minister of Home Affairs: Measures to prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 (regarding temporary measures in respect of entry into or exit out of the Republic).

GN416 GG 43162 p3 26Mar2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43162_26-3_HomeAffairs.pdf

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