



## Covid-19 Regulatory Update 30 March 2020

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

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### AVIATION

*Government Gazette*

#### **Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

Amendment of directives on aviation transport published in [GN415 GG 43160 p3 26Mar2020](#).

GN423 GG 43176 p3 27March2020

[http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43176\\_27-3\\_Transport.pdf](http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43176_27-3_Transport.pdf)

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### COMPETITION

*Government Gazette*

#### **Competition Act 89 of 1998**

Covid-19 block exemption for the Hotel Industry, 2020: Regulations will come into effect on the date of publication.

RGN422 GG 43175 p3 27Mar2020

[http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43175\\_27-3\\_DTI.pdf](http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43175_27-3_DTI.pdf)

*Media Statement*

**KZN government clamping down on price gougers.**

2020 Mar 27 SA News

“The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs has begun negotiations with Spar KZN management, with the view of terminating the contracts of franchise owners who are involved in price hiking. In a statement, MEC Nomsa Dube-Ncube said the termination of contracts for the management and control of Spar shops will strengthen the department’s zero-tolerance policy towards price gougers, who are using the Coronavirus outbreak to sell much-needed food and other products at inflated prices. “We are aware as the department that there are currently over 900 independently owned SPAR stores in the country, with hundreds located throughout the corners of KwaZulu-Natal,” said Dube-Ncube.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/kzn-government-clamping-down-price-gougers>

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## COURT ACTIONS

### Media Comments

#### **Hunter, Qaanitah [et al] New Covid-19 cases arise - legal ones: Family matters and loony long shots already before courts.**

2020 Mar 29 Sunday Times

“Just three days in and SA’s lockdown has already seen several legal challenges.

A relatively obscure civil society body has taken President Cyril Ramaphosa to the Constitutional Court, arguing that his declaration of a 21-day lockdown was ill-informed because the killer virus Covid-19 is not, it says, harmful to Africans.....”

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/sunday-times/news/2020-03-29-new-covid-19-cases-arise-legal-ones/>

#### **Presence, Chantall. High Court dismisses application of man wanting to travel to Eastern Cape for funeral.**

2020 Mar 28 news24

Extract from article: “The high court in Mpumalanga has ruled against a Mbombela man who sought an order which would allow him to travel to the Eastern Cape for his grandfather’s funeral. “I cannot accede to the relief the applicant seeks because in doing so, I will be authorizing the applicant to break the law under judicial decree – that no court can do,” Acting Judge Henk Roelofse ruled. “In addition, no matter how careful and diligent the applicant will conduct himself, not only the applicant but many others may be exposed to unnecessary risk, even death, if I grant the applicant the relief he seeks.” The man, cited in court papers as Karel Willem van Heerden, had been informed by his mother on Friday that his grandfather had died in a fire in Hofmeyr in the Eastern Cape and that the funeral will be held sometime next week.”

<https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/lockdown-high-court-dismisses-application-of-man-wanting-to-travel-to-eastern-cape-from-mbombela-for-grandfathers-funeral-20200328>

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Media Statements

#### **Labour centres to remain closed.**

2020 Mar 27 SA News

“Labour centres across the nine provinces will remain closed over the course of South Africa’s 21-day lockdown period, said the Department of Employment and Labour. “The department appeals to all its clients to stop visiting labour centres, as there will be no one to assist them during this period,” said the department in a statement on Friday. South Africa has begun a 21-day lockdown aimed at curbing the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/labour-centres-remain-closed>

#### **Labour implications on BCEA leave provision during Coronavirus COVID19 lockdown. 27 Mar 2020.**

“South Africa will be under lockdown from midnight and this will force many employees to stay away from work. 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 (BCEA). As such the BCEA recognises certain forms of leave, which may, depending on the circumstances, be applicable to the employees’ absence as a result of COVID-19.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/labour-implications-bcea-leave-provision-during-coronavirus-covid19-lockdown-27-mar-2020>

#### **Labour on Temporary Employer-Employee Relief Scheme during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 27 Mar 2020.**

“UIF to process COVID-19 TERS benefit to assist employers and workers during Coronavirus lockdown

The Minister of Employment and Labour, T.W Nxesi has recently announced measures that the Department will put in place under the current special circumstance relating to the Corona virus (COVID-19) and its impact on UIF contributors. Therefore, the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) Commissioner, Teboho Maruping, after consultation with UIF’s Executive and the Board developed the Covid-19 Temporary Employer-Employee Relief Scheme (COVID-19 TERS) to contribute to the containment of the pandemic.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/labour-temporary-employer-employee-relief-scheme-during-coronavirus-covid-19-27-mar-2020>

**Minister Thulas Nxesi on labour arrangements during Coronavirus Covid-19 lockdown. 28 Mar 2020.**

“We have to applaud the people of South Africa for the overwhelming support and compliance thus far during the lockdown to prevent the spread of the Corona Virus. Inevitably, there will be challenges and the need to take remedial action. This is the case in relation to leave arrangements. As the Department of Employment and Labour, we are receiving concerns from workers and unions that some employers are seeking to shift the burden of the lockdown onto the workers, using their annual leave as the first line of response to the lockdown. This despite the fact that we have said that the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) will fund and put in place systems to address the lay-offs during the lockdown in relation to workers registered for UIF.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-thulas-nxesi-labour-arrangements-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-28-mar-2020>

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**EDUCATION***Media Statement***Minister Blade Nzimande: Higher Education & Training updated response to Coronavirus Covid-19. 28 Mar 2020.**

“We are engaging with colleges on pursuing online learning modalities where possible, whilst also looking at the possibility of using readily available study guides for the trimester and semester programmes. Am in discussions with Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, Stella Ndabeni Abrahams, on how to deal with access to data for expansion of online learning. On 26 March 2020, we have made available e-Learning Guides to all our TVET Colleges throughout the country. These guides can be downloaded on smartphones, tablets and laptops. We will further develop a structured catch-up programme for the annual National Curriculum (Vocational) programmes will be developed once colleges reopen.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-blade-nzimande-higher-education-training-updated-response-coronavirus-covid-19-28>

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**FINANCIAL LAW***Media Statements***Department announces details of relief fund for athletes, artists.**

2020 Mar 29 SA News

“The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC) has finalised the process to identify beneficiaries of a R150 million relief fund, set up to assist artists and athletes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. “The criteria for accessing this support, the identification of beneficiaries and the mechanism through which the relief fund will be managed has now been finalised in consultation with SASCOC [South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee] and the CCIFSA [Cultural and Creative Industries Federation of South Africa] for the different sectors,” said the department on Sunday. The finalisation of criteria will also assist technical personnel and the core ecosystem that supports them to soften the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on their livelihoods.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/department-announces-details-relief-fund-athletes-artists>

**Small Business Development publishes intervention measures for SMME's during Coronavirus Covid-19: Guidelines for application: Debt relief finance scheme and business growth/ resilience facility and notice for the call for proposals: Covid-19 SMME intervention measures released. 28 Mar 2020.**

“Last week, the Minister for Small Business Development, Ms Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, announced details of the intervention measures to support SMMEs affected by the Covid-19 disaster. SMMEs are advised that the Department of Small Business Development has published, on its websites, the Guidelines for Application for the Debt Relief Finance Scheme and Business Growth/ Resilience Facility. The online application form will be available from Thursday, 02 April 2020. It is important to note that only SMMEs that are registered on the database will be considered. Please go to <https://smmesa.gov.za/> to register your business.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/small-business-development-publishes-intervention-measures-smme%E2%80%99s-during-coronavirus-covid>

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**LAND AND PROPERTY LAW***Media Statement***Parcels of land identified for resettlement.**

2020 Mar 28 SA News

“Government has identified 17 land parcels for resettlement purposes for people who stay in informal settlements should the need arise, as the country deals with the spread of COVID-19. “Of these, 13 land parcels are state-owned

and four pieces of land parcels are privately owned. We have already started preparing some areas for resettlement,” Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Lindiwe Sisulu said. Addressing a media briefing on Saturday in Tshwane, the Minister said government has identified 29 densely populated informal settlements across the country.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/parcels-land-identified-resettlement>

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## MEDICAL LAW

### Media Statements

#### **Department delivers 100 water tankers to Gauteng communities.**

2020 Mar 29 SA News

“In an effort to flatten the curve of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Gauteng, the Department of Water and Sanitation on Sunday delivered 100 more water tanks to needy communities in Soweto. At over 500 cases, Gauteng province has to date recorded the highest number of COVID-19 infections in the country. The 100 water tankers, with a capacity of 2 500 litres, are an addition to the 187 water tanks delivered by the department on Saturday to communities across the province. The department aims to deliver water tanks and water tankers (trucks) to vulnerable communities to allow them access to water to wash their hands during the period of the virus.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/department-delivers-100-water-tankers-gauteng-communities>

#### **Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu on measures and services available to persons with disabilities during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 27 Mar 2020.**

“As the spread of COVID-19 surpasses the 1000 mark amid the 21-days lockdown period in South Africa, the Deputy Minister of Social Development Ms Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu calls on the public to recognise the particular vulnerability and needs of persons with disabilities. “We want to remind the public that persons with disabilities are among those who are particularly vulnerable to the negative impact of COVID-19, especially during this period of national disaster and the lockdown. We must not leave persons with disabilities behind,” says Deputy Minister Bogopane-Zulu.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/deputy-minister-bogopane-zulu-measures-and-services-available-persons-disabilities-during>

#### **Deputy President tests negative for COVID-19.**

2020 Mar 29 SA News

“Deputy President David Mabuza has tested negative for Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Presidency said on Sunday. “Noting the interest of the public in the status of the Deputy President Mabuza, the South African National Defence Force and the Office of the Deputy President has resolved that it is in the public interest to assure all South Africans that the Deputy President tested negative for COVID-19,” said the Presidency and the Department of Defence in a statement. Mabuza made a call to traditional leaders and all South Africans to get tested, should they experience symptoms associated with the virus.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/deputy-president-tests-negative-covid-19>

#### **Eskom's learning academy to be used as a quarantine site.**

2020 Mar 28 SA News

“Eskom says it has handed its Academy of Learning (EAL) centre in Midrand, Johannesburg, over to government to be used as a quarantine site. This is part of efforts to assist in the fight to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. The facility, which has 416 beds and other facilities, will be used to accommodate people who have to undergo a period of quarantine and observation for signs of the COVID-19 virus. “In accordance with our own values of Zero Harm and Sinobuntu, Eskom pledges to be an active and responsive partner to the people of South Africa as we embark on this unprecedented struggle against the common enemy that is the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Eskom Group Chief Executive, Andre de Ruyter.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/eskoms-learning-academy-be-used-quarantine-site>

#### **Gauteng places German tourists under quarantine.**

2020 Mar 27 SA News

“A group of 60 German tourists has been placed under quarantine after one of them tested positive for COVID-19, said the Gauteng Health Department on Friday. In a statement, the department said the group is now at a health facility in the province. The development comes on the same day the national Department of Health revealed that South Africa had recorded its first two deaths of COVID-19. The deaths were recorded in the Western Cape. The country's confirmed COVID-19 cases have now tipped the 1 000 mark. “The group had planned on leaving the country [on Thursday]. Port Health Services were alerted and responded to the situation, leading to the group being grounded,” said the department.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/gauteng-places-german-tourists-under-quarantine>

#### **Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms 2nd death and total of 1280 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 29 Mar 2020.**

“It is with sadness that we announce the second death of a patient who had tested positive for COVID-19. The 74 year old male had been in ICU and ventilation in a private hospital in Ladysmith. He had travelled to Kruger National Park with his family and came back with flu like symptoms. He was confirmed to be COVID-19 positive on the 27th March



2020. It has been reported to us that the deceased patient had an underlying skin cancer condition (melanoma), which had already complicated. He presented with the following symptoms: respiratory distress, shortness of breath, cardiac failure, decreased saturation and his temperature was above 38 degrees. The deceased's family, 14 health workers, including 3 specialist doctors, who were in contact with him are now in quarantine and being monitored."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-2nd-death-and-total-1280-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-29-mar>

#### **Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms first deaths due to Coronavirus COVID-19. 27 Mar 2020.**

"This morning, we wake South Africans up with sad news that we now have our first deaths resulting from COVID-19. These two deaths occurred in the Western Cape. One at a Private Hospital and the other at a Public Hospital. We will give more details later on, when we announce the latest confirmed COVID-19 cases, which have increased from yesterday's number and have tipped the 1000 mark."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-first-deaths-due-coronavirus-covid-19-27-mar-2020-0000>

#### **Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms total of 1170 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 27 Mar 2020.**

"Today, South Africa has 1170 confirmed cases. This is an increase of 243 new cases from yesterday's announcement. The total number of tests conducted to date is 28 537."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-total-1170-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-27-mar-2020-0000>

#### **Premier Alan Winde on first Coronavirus COVID-19 deaths in Western Cape. 27 Mar 2020.**

"South Africa, and the Western Cape, has not been spared. On the 11th of March, COVID-19 arrived in our province. Today, we woke up to the sad news that we, too, have seen our first casualties. A 28 year-old woman and 48 year-old woman both passed away this morning. The 48 year-old woman's condition worsened while in ICU, and she passed away this morning. The 28 year-old was admitted to hospital yesterday and received emergency healthcare. She also passed away this morning. The clinical picture is consistent with COVID-19 but we are awaiting the test results to confirm this. We mourn this loss as a province and as a country. Our thoughts are with the family and loved ones of the deceased. I would like to ask all our residents to join me in a moment of silence at midday today, as we mark the loss, and celebrate their lives."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-alan-winde-first-coronavirus-covid-19-deaths-western-cape-27-mar-2020-0000>

#### **President Cyril Ramaphosa sees off Coronavirus COVID-19 quarantined citizens from The Ranch Resort. 29 Mar 2020.**

"President Cyril Ramaphosa will today, Sunday 29 March 2020, see off the 112 South African citizens who will be reunited with their families after testing negative for coronavirus at the end of their quarantine at the Ranch Resort in Polokwane. The group was placed under quarantine at the resort from 14 March 2020 after they were repatriated from Wuhan in the Hubei Province of the People's Republic of China following the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Following his engagement with the Ranch group, the President Ramaphosa will return to Pretoria to chair a virtual meeting of the National Command Council that coordinates the national emergency response on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-sees-coronavirus-covid-19-quarantined-citizens-ranch-resort-29>

#### **NHLS steps up efforts to fight spread of COVID-19.**

2020 Mar 27 SA News

"As South Africans begin the first day of the national 21-day lockdown, the National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) says it is stepping up its efforts to fight the spread of Coronavirus. NHLS Chief Executive Officer, Dr Kamy Chetty, said the organisation has adequate testing capacity and equipment to meet the demand. "The NHLS is pursuing various sources of supplies to obtain polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based test kits and has a commitment from suppliers that South Africa will be a priority," Chetty said. Currently, the NHLS has six laboratories performing COVID-19 related tests. This number will increase to nine by April 2020."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/nhls-steps-efforts-fight-spread-covid-19>

#### **North West suspends initiation school activities.**

2020 Mar 29 SA News

"The North West House of Traditional Leaders has suspended all initiation schools and related activities until further notice as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. "In light of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, which led to President Cyril Ramaphosa declaring a 21-day national lock down, the North West House of Traditional Leaders has taken a decision to suspend all initiation schools and related activities, until further notice," it said in a statement on Sunday. Chairperson of the North West House of Traditional Leaders, Kgosi Moshe Mabe, said the decision was taken to avoid putting the lives of the initiates and that of the entire community at risk."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/north-west-suspends-initiation-school-activities>

#### **South Africa participates in COVID-19 clinical trial.**

2020 Mar 29 SA News

"South Africa will participate in the Public Health Emergency Solidarity Trial, which has been initiated by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to conduct a clinical trial to find an effective COVID-19 treatment. "WHO has convened an independent group of experts to review evidence from laboratory, animal and clinical studies to prioritise treatments for inclusion in the trial," Health Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize said on Saturday."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/south-africa-participates-covid-19-clinical-trial>

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## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### Media Statements

#### **Crowds to be managed better at shops.**

2020 Mar 27 SA News

“As the national lockdown takes a firm hold over the nation, Trade and Industry Minister Ebrahim Patel has urged retailers to manage crowds and queues at their establishments, so as to slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). With reports and footage of crowded grocery stores in some parts of the country - even as the country has entered lockdown and is in a state of national disaster – Patel has acknowledged that the timing of payday for the vast majority of South Africans has played a role in the overcrowding of shops on Friday, as hundreds queued for grocery shopping at centres in some of the country’s big townships. At a ministerial briefing on Friday, Patel said talks are underway with retailers to shorten queues and observe social distancing.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/crowds-be-managed-better-shops>

#### **Defence calls up reserve force members in fight against Coronavirus COVID-19. 28 Mar 2020.**

“The SANDF is calling up members from the Reserve Force to complement the already deployed SANDF in the fight against the Covid-19 virus in line with the National Disaster Management Act of 2002 section 27, sub-section 2, which provides that the SANDF must release its personnel to a national Organ of State for rendering of emergency services. Sub-section 2(f) provides for the SANDF to assist with the movement of persons and goods to and from or within the disaster stricken or threatened area(s). The SANDF will be deployed in various capacities in the implementation of the National Lockdown in order to execute a broad plan of urban and rural operations.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/defence-calls-reserve-force-members-fight-against-coronavirus-covid-19-28-mar-2020-0000>

#### **Minister Bheki Cele confirms 55 arrests on day 1 of coronavirus covid-19 lockdown. 28 Mar 2020.**

“As soon as the clock struck midnight, vehicles whose movement was in contravention of the regulations, were turned back at roadblocks which were also mounted at the N4 to and from the North West; and on the N3 to and from KwaZulu Natal. The Minister confirmed that a total of 172 roadblocks had been mounted on the main routes countrywide, covering parallel routes to deal with those motorists who attempted to dodge the main roadblocks. In addition to the roadblocks, police saturated hotspot areas such as Soshanguve where police ensured that known liquor outlets were shut and no selling and consumption was taking place. Some visits to hotspots were in response to the growing list of tip-offs police continue to receive from caring citizens.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-bheki-cele-confirms-55-arrests-day-1-lockdown-curb-spread-coronavirus-covid-19-28>

#### **Premier Alan Winde issues stern message to stay indoors during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown.**

**27 Mar 2020.**

“Today marked the first day of the nation-wide lockdown. We thank those residents who have taken the lockdown seriously. However, there were far too many reports of people not taking the lockdown seriously from across the province. The Western Cape Government is working with SAPS, local law enforcement and our own traffic services in a bid to ensure that this does not continue. Today’s deaths are a somber reminder of the impact of this virus and we all need to be playing our part to protect ourselves and our families. We are all at risk of contracting this virus – it does not discriminate, and it will impact every single community. The worst hit communities will be those where residents are currently not abiding by the lockdown. The effects of this behaviour will be felt in the weeks to come, when infections rise dramatically, and deaths start to occur.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-alan-winde-winde-issues-stern-message-stay-indoors-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

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## SOCIAL SERVICES

### Media Statements

#### **Minister Fikile Mbalula relaxes hours of public transport vehicles for grant beneficiaries. 29 Mar 2020.**

“Following the announcement by President Cyril Ramaphosa on the days social grants would be paid, a number of industry bodies have made representations on the relaxation of hours public transport vehicles are allowed to operate. A similar request was made by the Minister of Social Development, Minister Lindiwe Zulu. Having considered Minister Zulu’s request and representations made by various industry bodies, including the taxi industry, I have decided to amend the Public Transport Directions in order to accommodate grant beneficiaries. Effective from tomorrow, 30 March 2020 until Friday, 3 April 2020, buses and taxis will be permitted to operate from 05:00 until 20:00 in order to cater to the transportation needs of society’s most vulnerable.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-fikile-mbalula-relaxas-hours-public-transport-vehicles-grant-beneficiaries-29-mar>

#### **Minister Lindiwe Zulu: Social grants will be paid during coronavirus covid-19 lockdown. 28 Mar 2020.**

“As we stated earlier this week, there is no need to panic and rush to pay points as social grants will be paid from 30 and 31 of this month, starting with older persons and persons with disabilities with the view to alleviate overcrowding. All other social grants will be paid on the 1st of April as per schedule. Both SASSA and the South African Post Office have finalised all logistical arrangements pertaining to social grants payment. We have activated government fleet across all provinces to ensure that older persons and persons with disabilities get to the pay points to get their grants. We will publish the list and contact details all SASSA Regional Managers that members of the public can contact if they experience any challenges. The SASSA and SAPO Call Centres will remain operational to respond to public enquiries.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-lindiwe-zulu-social-grants-will-be-paid-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-28>

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## TAXATION

### *Binding General Ruling*

#### **South African Revenue Service. Binding General Ruling (VAT) 52. Timeframe for the export of goods by vendors and qualifying purchasers affected by the global Covid-19 Pandemic. 26 March 2020.**

<https://www.sars.gov.za/AllDocs/LegalDoclib/Rulings/LAPD-IntR-R-BGR-2020-10%20-%20BGR52%20Timeframe%20for%20the%20export%20of%20goods%20by%20vendors%20and%20qualifying%20purchasers%20affected%20by%20COVID%2019.pdf>

### *National Treasury Announcements*

#### **South African Treasury. Explanatory Notes on Covid-19 Tax Measures. 29 March 2020.**

[http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm\\_media/press/2020/20200329%20Explanatory%20Notes%20on%20COVID%2019%20Tax%20measures%20-%2029%20March%202020.pdf](http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2020/20200329%20Explanatory%20Notes%20on%20COVID%2019%20Tax%20measures%20-%2029%20March%202020.pdf)

#### **South African Treasury. Media Statement: Tax measures to combat the Covid-19 pandemic. 29 March 2020.**

[http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm\\_media/press/2020/20200329%20Media%20statement%20-%20COVID-19%20Tax%20Measures.pdf](http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2020/20200329%20Media%20statement%20-%20COVID-19%20Tax%20Measures.pdf)

#### **Treasury announces COVID-19 tax measures.**

2020 Mar 29 SA News

“Finance Minister Tito Mboweni on Sunday announced exceptional tax measures to counter the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. “The Minister of Finance has announced the following exceptional tax measures as part of the fiscal package outlined by President Cyril Ramaphosa on 23 March 2020 in his speech on the Escalation of Measures to Combat COVID-19,” said the Ministry of Finance. The measures come as South Africa is currently under a 21-day lockdown, which got underway at midnight on 26 March. To date, South Africa has recorded over 1 000 cases of the virus. These measures are over and above the tax proposals made in the 2020 Budget on 26 February 2020.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/treasury-announces-covid-19-tax-measures>

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## TRADE AND INDUSTRY

### *Government Gazette*

#### **International Trade Administration Act 71 of 2002**

COVID-19 Export Control Regulation.

RGN424 GG 43177 p3 27Mar2020

<http://www.dti.gov.za/gazettes/43177.pdf>

### *Media Statements*

#### **Minister Ebrahim Patel on trading during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 27 Mar 2020.**

“On the economy as a whole, most of the economy shut down today with the exception of essential services and while we had reports of companies who stayed open who were not essential services, these were relatively small exceptions. Most companies in those sectors of the economy that are not essential services obeyed the call of the President. Workers and employers stood together in enabling people to stay at home. Food production kept going over this period. The production was working today. We had workers in farms, in food factories, in the trucks which bring the food from the factory to the shops and retailers were generally open and we beginning to restock many of their shelves after the big rush to the shops which taken place yesterday.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-ebrahim-patel-trading-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-27-mar-2020-0000>

#### **Over 1 000 companies registered on COVID-19 Bizportal.**

2020 Mar 27 SA News

“Nearly 1 500 companies have registered on the online Bizportal to provide essential services during South Africa’s national lockdown. This announcement was made by the Department of Trade and Industry (dti) in a statement on Thursday. “Nearly 15 000 companies have already registered as providers of essential goods and services. Most of these have been in food supply, medical and pharmaceutical services, and transport services,” said the department. The department has introduced a portal on the website run by the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) to log company details only where companies comply with the regulations issued by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs on 25 March 2020.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/over-1-000-companies-registered-covid-19-bizportal>

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#### Presence, Chantall. High Court dismisses application of man wanting to travel to Eastern Cape for funeral.

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Extract from article: “The high court in Mpumalanga has ruled against a Mbombela man who sought an order which would allow him to travel to the Eastern Cape for his grandfather’s funeral. “I cannot accede to the relief the applicant seeks because in doing so, I will be authorizing the applicant to break the law under judicial decree – that no court can do,” Acting Judge Henk Roelofse ruled. “In addition, no matter how careful and diligent the applicant will conduct himself, not only the applicant but many others may be exposed to unnecessary risk, even death, if I grant the applicant the relief he seeks.” The man, cited in court papers as Karel Willem van Heerden, had been informed by his mother on Friday that his grandfather had died in a fire in Hofmeyr in the Eastern Cape and that the funeral will be held sometime next week.”

<https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/lockdown-high-court-dismisses-application-of-man-wanting-to-travel-to-eastern-cape-from-mbombela-for-grandfathers-funeral-20200328>

### Media Statements

#### Minister Fikile Mbalula on implementation of transport directions during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown.

27 Mar 2020.

“Following the publications of Transport Directions covering the lockdown period, we started monitoring compliance this morning. We will reflect on our observations and further Directions where the need arises.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-fikile-mbalula-implementation-transport-directions-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

#### Minister Fikile Mbalula provides update on implementation of transport regulations during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown: Department of Transport media summary update. 28 Mar 2020.

“The media is still reporting on the impact of lockdown day 1 has had on public transport pillar. Industry bodies such as the eThekweni Metro Taxi Council are finding that the regulations around the lockdown are not financially sustainable thus opting to terminate all operations of public transport. The Minister of Transport has also reported that day 1 of the lockdown has brought about challenges to the transport industry and specifically acknowledges the challenges faced by public transport.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/transport-28-mar-2020-0000>

#### Minister Fikile Mbalula relaxes hours of public transport vehicles for grant beneficiaries. 29 Mar 2020.

“Following the announcement by President Cyril Ramaphosa on the days social grants would be paid, a number of industry bodies have made representations on the relaxation of hours public transport vehicles are allowed to operate. A similar request was made by the Minister of Social Development, Minister Lindiwe Zulu. Having considered Minister Zulu’s request and representations made by various industry bodies, including the taxi industry, I have decided to amend the Public Transport Directions in order to accommodate grant beneficiaries. Effective from tomorrow, 30 March 2020 until Friday, 3 April 2020, buses and taxis will be permitted to operate from 05:00 until 20:00 in order to cater to the transportation needs of society’s most vulnerable.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-fikile-mbalula-relaxas-hours-public-transport-vehicles-grant-beneficiaries-29-mar>

#### More than 20 000 traffic officers deployed for lockdown.

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“Government has deployed a total of 22 347 traffic officers across the country, to ensure compliance with the published Regulations and Directions for the 21-day nationwide lockdown. South Africa went on lockdown on Friday in response to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic. “Our National Traffic Police are working closely



with the Defence Force and the South African Police Service (SAPS) in enforcing the law at the Beitbridge and the Lebombo border posts,” Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula said. He was updating members of the media on the first day of the lock down with Ministers who are part of the COVID-19 National Command Council.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/more-20-000-traffic-offers-deployed-lockdown>

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