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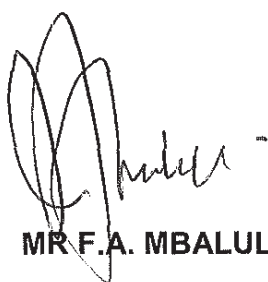
NO. 1076

22 October 2021

DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002

**AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(7)(b),
READ WITH REGULATIONS 75(5), 75A(3) AND 76(2)(e) OF THE REGULATIONS
MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19 AT SEA PORTS FOR ADJUSTED ALERT LEVEL 1**

I, Fikile Mbalula, Minister of Transport, hereby, in terms of regulation 4(7)(b), read with regulations 75(5), 75A(3) and 76(2)(e) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), after consultation with the Cabinet members responsible for cooperative governance and traditional affairs, trade, industry and competition, health, justice and correctional services, finance and public enterprises, amend the directions as set out in the Schedule hereto, to address, prevent and combat the spread of the COVID-19 at sea ports for Adjusted Alert Level 1.



MR F.A. MBALULA, MP

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

DATE: 21/10/2021

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In these directions, the "Directions" means the Directions, published under Government Notice No. 79, in *Government Gazette* No. 44140 of 10 February 2021.

Amendment of direction 3 of Directions

2. Direction 3 of the Directions is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for paragraph (b) of the following paragraph:

"(b) the commercial sea ports, foreign crew changes, passenger vessels on international voyages calling at any of the sea ports;" and

(b) by the deletion of paragraph (c).

Substitution of direction 6 of Directions

3. Direction 6 of the Directions is hereby substituted for the following direction:

"6. Commercial sea ports, foreign crew changes, passenger vessels on international voyages calling at sea ports

(1) All commercial sea ports remain open.

(2) Foreign crew changes are permitted at all nine commercial ports.

(3) Passenger vessels are permitted for international voyages.

(4) (a) International embarkation and disembarkation for passenger vessels are restricted to the following sea ports:

(i) Port of Cape Town;

(ii) Port of Durban;

- (iii) Port of Port Elizabeth;
 - (b) Coastal voyages are restricted to the following sea ports:
 - (i) Port of Richards Bay;
 - (ii) Port of Ngqura;
 - (iii) Port of Mossel Bay;
 - (iv) Port of Saldanha Bay;
 - (v) Port of East London; and
 - (vi) sea ports listed in paragraph (a).
- (5) All passenger vessels embarking on international voyages must utilize seaports listed in subdirection (4)(a) for first and last South African port of call.
- (6) Embarkation and disembarkation must comply with the curfew restrictions.
- (7) All international travellers and crew arriving at seaports must provide a valid certificate of a negative COVID-19 test recognised by the World Health Organization, which was obtained not more than 72 hours before the date of last foreign shore excursion.
- (8) In the event of the traveller's failure to submit a valid certificate of a negative COVID-19 test, the traveller will be required to do an antigen test on arrival, at his or her own cost, and in the event of a traveller testing positive for COVID-19, he or she will be required to isolate himself or herself at their own cost for the period of 10 days.
- (9) (a) Signing-off crews are not required to produce a valid certificate of a negative COVID-19 test if the vessel has not had crew changes or has not visited a foreign port within 10 days before arrival at a South African sea port.
 - (b) Where the vessel has had crew changes or has visited a foreign port within 10 days before arrival at a South African sea port, the crew must undergo antigen testing on arrival and, in the event of a crew member testing positive for COVID-19, he or she will be required to isolate himself or herself for the period of 10 days, at the crew member's or employer's own cost.

- (10) The agents and cruise liners will be responsible for all arrangements relating to the transportation of travellers and crew who are required to isolate or quarantine at approved facilities ashore.
- (11) Shore leave is allowed for foreign crew in line with South African immigration requirements and port health protocols.
- (12) All port facilities or terminals must enforce Maritime Security Level 2 when facilitating passenger vessels and enforce Maritime Security Level 1 when handling cargo operations.

Substitution of direction 7 of Directions

4. Direction 7 of the Directions is hereby substituted for the following direction:

"7. Passenger vessels visiting South African sea port

- (1) Passenger vessels will be permitted to call at designated South African sea ports for the following purposes:
 - (i) International cruising;
 - (ii) coastal cruising and tourism activities;
 - (iii) crew changes;
 - (iv) replenishing fuel, stores and provisions;
 - (v) repairs and maintenance;
 - (vi) medical evacuation;
 - (vii) emergencies; and
 - (viii) other services approved by the Department of Transport.
- (2) All passenger vessels must comply with national legislation, including COVID-19 protocols in accordance with adjusted alert levels, whilst on coastal voyages.
- (3) Cruise companies must assess all identified risks to their crew, travellers and other persons in relation to COVID-19 and establish appropriate measures through a company and ship management plan.
- (4) All travellers embarking on passenger vessels must be subjected to antigen testing and screening prior to embarkation.

- (5) All passenger vessels must have designated cabins for isolation as per the on-board contingency plan in reasonable proportion with overall capacity.
- (6) Should the passenger vessel experience an outbreak where 50% or more of persons on board are infected, the cruise or voyage must be cancelled until the South African Maritime Safety Authority has, after consultation with the Department of Health, certified that the cruise or voyage may resume.
- (7) All travellers and crew must wear face masks whilst in public or shared spaces.
- (8) Embarkation and disembarkation at terminals must be staggered to ensure social distancing.
- (9) Travellers who contract COVID-19 on board must be isolated and receive the necessary medical health care.
- (10) No visitors are allowed to board passenger vessels whilst docked.
- (11) Stevedores, consultants, contractors and maritime port operators rendering services to passenger vessels must adhere to Maritime Security Level 2 measures as contained in port or port facility plans.
- (12) Travellers must be given clear information during embarkation, and should be reminded hourly during the cruise that they should contact the cruise medical services if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- (13) Should travellers develop any COVID-19 symptoms they must contact the cruise medical services.
- (14) Travellers developing symptoms during a cruise must be, isolated in dedicated cabin, wear a medical facemask, be tested for COVID-19 on board and be given appropriate treatment by qualified medical personnel on board.
- (15) Where COVID-19 cases are detected and there is not enough capacity to isolate persons, the vessel must discontinue the voyage and call the closest port for further medical assistance.
- (16) Contact tracing must be initiated when a possible or probable case of COVID-19 is identified whilst waiting laboratory confirmation.
- (17) All close contacts must be moved to isolation cabins.

- (18) Other possible contacts may quarantine in their designated cabins if there is no space available at isolation facilities.
- (19) Any local excursions must be conducted in a staggered manner to ensure that all health protocols can be adhered to during the excursion.
- (20) Persons going ashore and re-embarking on coastal voyages must be subjected to COVID-19 screening upon embarkation and disembarkation.
- (21) (a) On-board dining and recreational facilities must adhere to social distancing measures.
(b) COVID-19 screening must be conducted before persons make use of the facilities contemplated in paragraph (a).”.

Commencement

- 5. This amendment comes into effect on the date of publication thereof in the *Government Gazette*.