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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002**AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(7), READ WITH 41(1)(b), 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**

I, Fikile Mbalula, Minister of Transport, hereby, in terms of regulation 4(7)(b), read with regulation 41(1)(b), 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, issue the directions as set out in the Schedule hereto, to address, prevent and combat the spread of the COVID-19 at sea ports.

**MR F.A. MBALULA, MP****MINISTER OF TRANSPORT**

DATE: 19/08/2020

SCHEDULE

1. Definition

In these directions, the “Directions” means the Directions, published under Government Notice No. 496, in Government Gazette No. 43275 of 04 May 2020.

2. Substitution of direction 6 of Directions

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

“6. FOREIGN CREW CHANGES AND PROHIBITION OF CRUISE SHIPS CALLING AT SEA PORTS

- (1) Foreign crew changes may only take place at the port of Cape Town and at the port of Durban, under the following conditions:
- (a) A request for crew changes must be completed by a shipping company or its representative on a form which corresponds substantially with Form A and submitted, at least 96 hours (four days) prior to the crew change, to the Department of Transport;
 - (b) the form referred to in paragraph (a) must be accompanied by a detailed crew list, which also specifies the signing-on crew and signing-off crew.
 - (c) the crew must comply with all the travel requirements and health protocols at ports of entry;
 - (d) crew changes may take place at port and off port limits;
 - (e) signing-on crew may directly transit from the airport to board the vessel: Provided that, if a layover is necessary, the crew must be quarantined as per the Port Health Protocol at the employer’s costs and the name of the quarantine facility must be specified in the form referred to in paragraph (a); and
 - (f) signing-on and signing-off crew may only in exceptional circumstances be permitted to layover.

- (2) Cruise ships are prohibited from calling at any of the South African ports, except for the disembarkation of returning—
- (a) South African crew; or
 - (b) South African citizens or holders of permanent residence permits.
- (3) South African citizens and holders of permanent residence permits are advised to refrain from making use of international maritime transport or cruise ships."

3. Amendment of direction 7 of Directions

Direction 7 of the Directions is hereby amended by the substitution for subdirection (1) of the following subdirection:

- "(1) (a) Subject to subdirection (2), all passenger vessels are prohibited from—
- (i) disembarking any passengers at any South African port;
 - (ii) calling at any of the ports, except for the disembarkation of returning South African crew, South African citizens and holders of permanent residence permits.
- (b) Signing-off crew of a passenger vessel may—
- (i) disembark from a passenger vessel at the port of Cape Town and at the port of Durban; and
 - (ii) directly transit to the airport."

4. Addition of form A to Directions

The following form is hereby added to the Directions after direction 13:

**"FORM A
REQUEST FOR FOREIGN CREW CHANGES**

[Direction 6(1)]

(To be completed by a shipping company or its representative)

Name of shipping company/representative:	
Email address:	
Mobile Number:	
Name of vessel: and Type of vessel:	
Name of sea port destined for crew change:	
Details of inbound flight:	
Details of outbound flight:	
Date of crew change must be within 96 hours:	
Name of quarantine facility (only in exceptional circumstances):	
Attachments included (Y/N): Detailed crew list (Signing-on and Signing-off)	

Signed at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Signature: _____

Full name and surname

Capacity

- *The completed form and crew lists must be submitted to MSCC@dot.gov.za and copied to Ms. Mashudu Nefumbada at the following e-mail address:
Nefumbadam@dot.gov.za.*
- *All enquiries pertaining to crew changes must be directed to Ms. Mashudu Nefumbada at the following e-mail address:
Nefumbadam@dot.gov.za.”*

5. Commencement

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

