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ALL EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Customs client

## **OPENING OF PORTS OF ENTRY FOR INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND GOODS**

The National Border Management Coordinating Committee issued a directive on 28 September 2020 to all its Ports of Entry Managers. The directive related to the announcement by the President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, on 16 September 2020, that travel into and out of South Africa for business, leisure and other purposes will be allowed with effect from 1 October 2020.

The directive stated that the movements of people through the ports must be subjected to the following protocols as guided by the relevant regulations:

### **Alignment of Port Processes:**

Port Health officials remain the first point of contact on both arrival and departure points at all operational Ports of Entry (PoE).

### **Travellers:**

- On arrival, travellers will need to present a negative COVID-19 test results not older than 72 hours from time of departure.
- Where a traveller has not done a Covid-19 test prior to departure, they will be required to remain in mandatory quarantine at their own cost for the period of ten (10) days.
- All travellers will be subjected to screening by Port Health Officials upon arrival and departure.
- All travellers detected with symptoms will be required to remain in quarantine until a repeat COVID-19 test is conducted at their own cost.

- All travellers to complete Traveller Health Questionnaire prior to arrival or upon arrival at the PoE.
- Beside the health protocols, travellers will still be subjected to other formal border processes.
- All travellers should wear masks at all times whilst within the Ports of Entry controlled area;
- Port officials to ensure that port users adhere to social distancing as part of queue management protocol.

#### Truck drivers:

- In terms of Land Borders, truck drivers are also required to present COVID-19 negative results upon departure from and arrival in RSA;
- In terms of truck drivers, crew members and frequent travellers, the COVID-19 test results will remain valid for a period of 14 days after the first movement;
- All positive truck drivers to be handled as per the Department of Health Guidelines.
- All other health control measures are also applicable to truck drivers.

#### Closed Ports of Entry:

- The 18 land borders, which were partially operational, will be fully operational, and the 35 land borders currently closed will remain closed.

#### Sea Ports of Entry:

- All commercial Sea Ports of Entry will be opened including Mossel Bay and Saldanha Bay.
- Yachts and leisure crafts to ensure compliance to all Health Protocols and border processes.

#### Aviation

- International Air travel is restricted to OR Tambo, King Shaka and Cape Town International Airports.

- It remains the responsibility of all airlines to ensure that no passenger is allowed to board the flights without valid COVID-19 test results; failure to adhere to this condition will be viewed as contravention and might lead to administrative penalties.

Daily Scholars and Educators:

- Daily Scholars and Educators attending learning institutions in the Republic, and who are allowed entry into and exit from the Republic are expected to comply with protocols relating to:
- Screening to Covid-19 and quarantine or isolation, where necessary;
- Wearing of a face mask;
- Transportation; and
- Sanitisation and social distancing measures as per relevant health protocols on safety and prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely

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