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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NO. R. 478

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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION**AMENDMENT OF THE DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 10(8) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): MEASURES TO PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID -19**

I, Dr BE Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, in terms of regulation 10(8) of the Regulations issued in terms of the Disaster Management Act, No. 57 of 2002, hereby amend the Directions published under Government Notice No. 468 in Government Gazette No. 43237 of 17 April 2020 as follows:

The purpose of the directions is amended as follows:

The purpose of the directions is to:

- a) prescribe temporary measures to manage the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown on the functionality of institutions in the higher education and training, and science, technology and innovation sectors.
- b) ensure the procurement and delivery of essential goods and services for institutions in the higher education and training, and science, technology and innovation sectors.

Direction 4 is hereby amended by the substitution with the following Direction:**4. Directions relating to Essential Goods and Services for institutions in the higher education and training, and science, technology and innovation sectors**

The following are designated as essential goods and essential services:

- a) Information and Communication Technology devices (such as desktops, laptops, modems and other devices) for education purposes.
- b) Gases, liquids and chemicals used in the preservation of biological samples and maintenance of equipment and machinery.
- c) Animal feed for laboratory and farm animals.
- d) Printed materials to support learning and teaching, which may include textbooks, printed learning materials in other forms, and electronic devices with learning materials.

- e) Stationery products needed to support teaching and learning.
- f) Raw materials and technical products used in research and development and the manufacture of products supporting the response to COVID-19.
- g) Production of radio-pharmaceutical products, radioactive isotopes and devices that are used in the nuclear medicine industry for diagnostic and therapeutic medical procedures. Included in this category is the production and distribution of:
 - i. Sr-82 used for the preparation of $^{82}\text{Sr}/^{82}\text{Rb}$ generators for myocardial perfusion PET imaging, and
 - ii. Ge-68/Ga-68 generator used for the PET diagnosis of neuroendocrine tumours.

The transport of such goods between suppliers, institutions and students in the higher education and training, and science, technology and innovation sectors is declared an essential service.

This Amendment Notice comes into effect on the date of publication in the Government Gazette.



Dr BE Nzimande, MP

Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation

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