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GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE**NO. R. 1988****4 April 2022****TERMINATION OF THE NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER (COVID-19)****DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002: (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002):**

On 15 March 2020, I declared a national state of disaster (Covid-19) in terms of my powers under section 27(1)(a) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (the Act). This was extended in terms of section 27(5)(c) of the Act at one-month intervals to 15 April 2022.

I have, together with Cabinet, considered the current situation and the steps taken to augment existing legislation and contingency arrangements, and have decided to terminate the national state of disaster.

In determining precisely when each of the Regulations and Directions should be repealed, I have given consideration to, inter alia, the need for post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation, including the need to anticipate future disaster risk, reduce exposure, improve resilience, mitigate the effects of the disaster, create circumstances that will reduce the risks of a similar disaster and deal with the destructive and other effects of the disaster.

Therefore, I, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, designated under section 3 of the Act, in terms of section 27(5)(b) of the Act hereby terminate the national state of disaster which I declared on 15 March 2020 as published in Government Gazette No. 43096 in Notice No.313 and which, in terms of section 27(5)(c) of the Act, I extended at one month intervals to 15 April 2022 and published in Government Gazette No. 46042 in Notice R. 1875.

- (1) All regulations and directions made in terms of section 27(2) of the Act pursuant to the declaration of the national state of disaster to deal with Covid-19, are hereby repealed with immediate effect, save for the following:
 - (a) Regulation 67;
 - (b) Regulations 69;
 - (c) Regulations 75;

- (d) Directions, as amended, issued in terms of Regulation 4(5) and (10), which provide for Social Relief of Distress Grant;
 - (e) Directions, as amended, issued in terms of Regulation 4(7)(b), which provide for the extension of the validity period of a learner's license, driving licence card, licence disc, professional driving permit and registration of a motor vehicle; and
 - (f) The Regulations in Chapter 8 and the Directions in terms thereof, which provide for the COVID-19 Vaccine Injury No-Fault Compensation Scheme.
- (2) The Regulations and Directions referred to in subsection (1)(a) to (e) shall -
- (a) not cease to operate or cease to be of force and effect due to the termination of the national state of disaster; and
 - (b) continue to operate and be of force and effect for a period of one month from today, whereupon they will automatically lapse.
- (3) The Regulations and Directions referred to subsection (1)(f) shall -
- (a) not cease to operate or cease to be of force and effect due to the termination of the national state of disaster; and
 - (b) continue to operate and be in force until terminated in terms of Regulation 100 of Chapter 8.

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