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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002

AMENDMENT OF THE DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 10(7) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE IN 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 IN THE SEA PORTS

I, **Fikile Mbalula**, MP, Minister of Transport, hereby in terms of regulation 10(7) (b) of the Regulations issued in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) amends Government Notice No. 216 published in Government Gazette No. 43163 of 26 March 2020 by the addition of Directions 5A as follows:

5A Prohibition of Passenger Vessels visiting South African Sea Ports

- (1) All passenger vessels are prohibited from disembarking any passengers or crew at any of South African sea ports.
- (2) Passenger vessels will be allowed to call at any of South African sea ports only for the following purposes:
 - (a) Disembarking South African crew;
 - (b) Disembarking returning South African citizens and holders of permanent resident permit;
 - (c) Replenishing fuel, stores and provisions.
- (3) The crew shall be allowed to disembark subject to mandatory quarantine laws as may be applicable.
- (4) All other cargo vessels will be allowed into all the sea ports for purposes of cargo works, replenishing fuel and provisions.

Repatriation of South African Seafarers

- (5) (a) Repatriation of South African seafarers:

- (i) South African seafarers returning to South Africa via any of the sea ports will be allowed to disembark;
- (ii) South African seafarers returning to South Africa via any means other than a ship calling at a sea ports will be subjected to the provisions of the applicable laws that govern the respective mode of transportation they use; and
- (iii) All returning seafarers will be subjected to a quarantine period of up to 21 days as well as any measures put in place to prevent the spread of the virus.

Evacuation

(6) (a) Evacuation of seafarers and passengers on board all ships along the South African coastline will be allowed in terms of Search and Rescue as well as the Merchant Shipping Act, 1957 (Act No. 57 of 1957) and subject to the following:

- (i) The evacuation must comply with the provisions of Medical Evacuations as contained in the South African Maritime and Aeronautical Search and Rescue Act, 2002 (Act No. 44 of 2002) ;
- (ii) The evacuation to be carried out in terms of the approved Standard Operating Procedures for evacuation as contained in the Maritime Rescue Coordination Center Manual obtainable from the South African Maritime Safety Authority website; and
- (iii) All evacuated patients will be subjected to mandatory quarantine for a period of up to 21 days.

(7) (a) The following ships are allowed:

- (i) Cargo working ships;
- (ii) Passenger vessels allowed only for purposes of disembarking SA crew and returning SA citizens;
- (iii) Ships calling for refuelling and supplies.

(8) The following sea ports are open for purposes of handling cargo, refuelling and ship supplies:

- (i) Richards Bay;
- (ii) Durban;
- (iii) East London;
- (iv) Coega;
- (v) Port Elizabeth;
- (vi) Mosselbay;
- (vii) Cape Town;
- (viii) Saldanha Bay.

This amendment Notice shall come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.



MR F.A. MBALULA, MP

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

DATE: 02/04/2020