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Attention: Agri SA members

Dear members

RE: LATEST AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS AS PUBLISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS – GG no.: 43096

The Minister, Dr. Dlamini-Zuma addressed the nation today on the new amendments to the regulations during the extended lockdown. She has emphasized that with the phasing out of the lockdown there will be a relaxation of certain regulations, however we must ensure that we contain the spread of Covid-19 throughout.

The amended regulations brought about the following changes which are applicable to agriculture and the whole value chain:

1. Amendment to regulation 8, which stipulates that the transport of alcohol, other than for the manufacture of hand sanitizers and disinfectants, is prohibited. This may be problematic for the wine industry and seems contradictory with the transport directive which was recently issued on the exportation of wine;
2. Regulation 11B (1) (bb), which is now amended to explicitly provide for the transportation across district and provincial boundaries of essential goods. Agri SA has long been requesting for this amendment;
3. Members must take note of the new regulation 11CA which prohibits all evictions for the duration of the lockdown;
4. The list of essential goods is supplemented with hardware, components and supplies that require essential services to operate. It is also something that our members raised that was problematic;
5. The list of essential services is supplemented with emergency repairs and IT services for businesses operating as essential services. It will also assist our members;
6. Export of goods already in the ports must continue to avoid congestion of goods in the harbours;
7. Hardware and vehicle component suppliers must keep a register of buyers who provides to essential services;
8. DTI may designate services of entities essential to international trade as essential;
9. Refineries must operate at full capacity to ensure that there is enough fuel;
10. Vehicles used for essential purposes may undergo emergency repairs.

Kind regards

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