

26 March 2020

**Feedback from meeting with Minister Thoko Didiza and Director General (DG) Mike Mlengana from DALRRD, 26 March 2020**

1. DG confirmed that exempted essential goods and services can be transported across provincial borders.
2. DG confirmed that no registration of businesses is required in terms of the Regulations. This refers to the Essential Service Application Portal announced by Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Ebrahim Patel on 25 March 2020.
3. DG confirmed that companies can issue permits for employees performing essential services. It must be headed by the company's /organisation's letterhead. The permit must contain all the information in the Regulations. It does not have to look 100% similar to the template in the Regulations, but it must contain all the information required as outlined in the Regulations.
4. It appears that the street hawkers selling food will not be allowed to continue from tomorrow, but Minister will reconsider it and talk to MEC's.
5. Minister would give consideration to non-food agricultural products like wool, wine, mohair, forestry and tobacco with Minister Patel tomorrow and provide the industry with feedback.
6. Where Government's services are closed e.g. permits for abnormal vehicles bringing combined harvesters from the ports, the Minister suggests we use permits as per Regulations.
7. DG stated that the Regulations are not set in stone and that they will table the issues with other Ministers and reconsider on a daily basis.
8. DG reminds everyone that the purpose of the lockdown is to limit movements in order to fight the virus - not to find loopholes.
9. DG confirmed that the registration of exempted business is not required in terms of the Regulations.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Omri van Zyl".

Omri van Zyl

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