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Dear Kevin

Re: **FURTHER CLASSIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL GOODS DURING LOCKDOWN**

1. Further to our previous correspondence, last week, and the subsequent discussions between the Honourable Deputy Minister Mr Tau and ourselves, we address this letter to you.
2. In Annexure B to the regulations issued by yourself on 25 March 2020 in Government Gazette 43148 (hereinafter referred to as “*the Lockdown Regulations*”), as subsequently amended, essential goods that may be sold and bought during the lockdown period has been set out. As set out in our aforementioned correspondence, trading hours for retail during the lockdown period has not been regulated.
3. Further to the abovementioned discussions, and as requested by the Honourable Deputy Minister Tau, we would suggest that the Lockdown Regulations be amended further, to make provision for the following:
  - 3.1. Trading hours for retailers in essential goods, save for fuel stations with their convenience stores, to be allowed from 7h00 – 20h00 Monday – Friday, and 7h00 – 17h00 on weekends and public holidays;
  - 3.2. That cell phone shops (e.g. Vodacom, MTN and similar) be allowed to trade;
  - 3.3. Restaurants and take-away business be allowed to deliver hot food; and
  - 3.4. That clothing retailers be allowed to sell winter clothes, at least for the young and elderly, but preferable to all persons.

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4. The rationale behind these requests are as follows.
5. Those persons still rendering essential services, and working a normal workday, is prohibited from even obtaining essential goods as defined in terms of the lockdown regulations due to reduced trading hours being enforced in certain locations.
6. Cell phones are, for many citizens, their only means of communication. Obtaining airtime as currently allowed, addresses only part of the problem. If a person's cell phone breaks, becomes damaged, or gives other problems, that person is unable to communicate for the duration of the lockdown period. Persons should therefore be able to obtain assistance with things like cell phone repairs as well as resolving issues with their contracts which a retailer / grocery store cannot do.
7. Many people have difficulty in cooking for themselves and allowing delivery of hot foods will ameliorate this problem. In any event, delivery services such as Takealot are still functioning. Furthermore, allowing such deliveries may add further income to restaurants which are currently struggling to survive.
8. Lastly, the seasons are changing, and, prior to the lockdown period most clothing retailers did not yet have stock of winter clothing. Furthermore, many people were unable to afford or obtain, winter clothing at that time. Parents with small children (especially below 3 years of age) will be hardest hit, as these children will mostly no longer be able to wear last winter's clothes. Similarly, elderly persons ought also to be allowed to purchase winter clothing, as these two groups have the highest risk of exposure.
9. We trust that the foregoing will meet with your positive response. Should you wish to engage with us further, you are most welcome to contact undersigned.

Kind regards

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