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Responsible and Accountable Firearms Ownership

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Genl. Sithole,
The Commissioner of Police,
(In his capacity as Registrar of Firearms)
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VERY URGENT

CC: **Genl. Mamotheti,**
By Email: mamothetij@saps.gov.za

YOUR REFERENCE: 1/1/4/1.

Dear Generals,

**REQUEST FOR CLARITY: TRAVEL TO POLICE STATIONS DURING LEVEL-4
LOCKDOWN TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF FIREARM
LICENCES AND TO TAKE PART IN THE FIREARMS AMNESTY**

1. We thank you for your letter dated 22 April 2020.
2. At NHSA we are being inundated with enquiries from members asking for clarity on the following:
 - 2.1. Whether firearm owners are during Level 4 of the National Lockdown legally permitted to travel to Police stations to submit applications for renewal of firearm licences or to take part in the firearms amnesty and to apply for new firearm licences in terms of the amnesty provisions ?
 - 2.2. If travel for the purpose as set out in 2.1 is not permitted, what should firearm owners do in order to ascertain that their renewal applications will still be accepted if they cannot hand in applications before the licence lapses, or cannot partake in the amnesty because of the lockdown ?



Executive Council: Dr Herman Els; Mr Juan Kotzé; Mr Robert F Young (Jnr);
Mr Robert F Young (Snr); Mr Douw Smuts; Mrs Sonika Dorfling; Mrs Chené Pieterse; Mr Hardus Els.



2.2.1 We point out that in our letter of 1 April 2020, we suggested that section 28 (6) of the Firearms Control Act be used for the extension of time periods. Please urgently give an indication whether you will grant an extension of the validity period of firearm licences which will lapse during Level 4 of the lockdown, **if such applications are made before the expiry of the licence.**

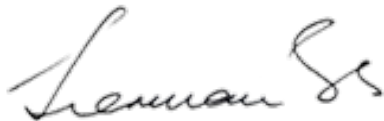
2.3 Will the period of the amnesty definitely be extended ?

3. We have obtained a legal opinion that the above travels are not permitted in terms of the Lockdown Regulations because it is neither essential or emergency services nor an expressly authorized service. We have also made telephonic enquiries at various DFO's and it appears that they are also in the dark

We believe that it is of the utmost importance that this uncertainty be cleared up as a matter of urgency.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Sincerely.



Dr Herman Els
Executive Chair