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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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**AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS REGARDING MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATING TO THE BIODIVERSITY SECTOR**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment hereby amend the Directions regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to the Biodiversity Sector published in Government Notice No. 647 in Government *Gazette* No. 43409 of 05 June 2020 made in terms of regulation 4(10) of the Regulations issued by the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) and published on 29 April 2020 in Government Notice No. R. 480 of Government *Gazette* No. 43258, as amended, as set out in the Schedule hereto.



**BARBARA DALLAS CREECY, MP**

**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

DATE: 28/7/2020

## SCHEDULE

### 1. Definitions

In this Schedule, unless the context otherwise indicates—

"Directions" means the Directions regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to the Biodiversity Sector, published in Government Notice No. 647 in Government Gazette No. 43409 of 5 June 2020.

### 2. Amendment of paragraph 1 of the Directions

Paragraph 1 of the Directions is hereby amended by the deletion of the definition of "subsistence hunting".

### 3. Amendment of paragraph 6 of the Directions

Paragraph 6 of the Directions is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for subparagraph 6.3 of the following subparagraph:

"6.3 Culling is permitted.";

(b) by the insertion, after subparagraph 6.3 of the following subparagraphs:

"6.3A Travel within a province with the primary purpose to hunt in order to obtain the meat for consumption is permitted.

6.3B The provision of any form of accommodation for hunting purposes is not permitted.";

(c) by the substitution for subparagraph 6.5 of the following subparagraph:

"6.5 Live wildlife auctions are permitted, subject to the following:

- (a) No more than 50 people may attend the auction, excluding those who participate through electronic platforms;
- (b) the temperature of each attendee who enters the auction venue must be screened;
- (c) the auctioneer must keep a register, of each attendee, for track and tracing purposes, containing the following information:

- (i) name and surname;
  - (ii) physical address;
  - (iii) contact number (home, work and cellular, where possible); and
  - (iv) temperature measured;
- (d) the auction venue must be disinfected before and after each auction event;
- (e) all surfaces must be disinfected regularly with a disinfectant containing an alcohol base, which includes the wiping of all handrails that are touched;
- (f) each person must wear a face mask or a homemade item covering the mouth and nose or another appropriate item to cover the nose and mouth;
- (g) social distancing of at least 1.5 meters must be maintained;
- (h) personal contact between individuals must be avoided;
- (i) auctioneers must inform attendees of the auction of the safety and health measures that must be complied with;
- (j) all staff and attendees must—
- (i) have access to sanitizer and handwash facilities at the auction venue;
  - (ii) wash their hands for at least 20 seconds on a regular basis;
  - (iii) when sneezing, cover their mouths to avoid infecting other persons;
  - (iv) if he or she shows any symptoms associated with COVID-19, be referred for testing and reported to the relevant authorities; and
- (k) translocation of wild animals subsequent to the auction is subject to any applicable legal requirements, including animal health requirements.”; and

(d) by the addition, after subparagraph 6.9 of the following subparagraphs:

“6.10 Zoos, aquaria, animal rehabilitation facilities and sanctuaries that are normally open to the public, remain closed to the public.

6.11 Subject to health protocols botanical gardens may be opened for exercise purposes only.”.

#### 4. Commencement

These Directions come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.