



## **COVID-19 CIRCULAR NO 2 of 2020**

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa presents its compliments to Heads of Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa and has the honour to refer to the address by His Excellency, President Cyril Ramaphosa, on 28 December 2020, regarding measures that are being undertaken to curb the further spread of the Coronavirus under the National State of Disaster Act.

The Department wishes to inform Missions of the following:

The President announced that South Africa has moved from Alert Level One, to an adjusted Alert Level Three, with the latter imposing stricter measures in response to the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is currently being experienced.

A compulsory curfew, among other measures, has been imposed, with effect from midnight on 28 December 2020 that prohibits movement between 21h00 and 06h00.

To ensure compliance, the processing of ordinary travellers through the land Ports of Entry will only take place from 06h00 until 20h00. Travellers are therefore advised to appropriately plan their travel, taking into cognisance the mandatory curfew and the fact that non-compliance with this and other measures may result in criminal prosecution and sentencing, resulting in imprisonment and/or a fine and/or both.

Furthermore, conveyances transporting passengers through land Ports of Entry are also only permitted to travel during 06h00 and 20h00 and shall ensure strict compliance with the curfew times.

Further information on the South African Government's response to COVID-19 can be obtained at <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/> and <https://www.gov.za/Coronavirus> while Regulations and Directions issued as a consequence of the National State of Disaster relating to COVID-19 can be obtained at <https://www.gov.za/covid-19/resources/regulations-and-guidelines-coronavirus-covid-19>.

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Heads of Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa the assurances of its highest consideration.



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