

Dear Clients

Please read this important newsflash. On the 29th of April the Government published the attached Gazette defining conditions under COVID-19 Level 4.

Please note the Gazette states the following with regard to movement of cargo – below extracted from page 20:

Transportation of cargo

22. (1) Rail, ocean, air and road transport is permitted for the movement of cargo to other countries and within the Republic of South Africa, subject to national legislation, for the transportation of the following goods—

- (a) essential goods for import as set out in Annexure B to the Regulations;
- (b) the import of materials and components required for manufacturing activities allowed under Alert Level 4;
- (c) cargo at ports of entry;
- (d) goods cleared at ports of entry for removal in transit through the Republic destined for neighboring countries;
- (e) permitted goods for export as set out in Annexure C to the Regulations;
- (f) transport of goods within the Republic of South Africa; and
- (g) any other goods as set out in Directions by the relevant Cabinet member; taking into account health risks, constrained capacity at ports of entry and other factors relevant to the health, public order and economic effects of Covid-19.

Import goods deemed “Essential” are defined in Annexure B (Page 34)

Export goods deemed permissible to move are set out in Annexure C (Page 34); please note that the very limited list provided in the Gazette goes against the sentiments expressed in the press release where exporters were encouraged to export. We seek clarity on this limited list and will update asap.

There are areas of interpretation requiring clarity which we seek in the week ahead through our continued interaction with all stakeholders. We would respectfully direct all clients to review carefully “The Permissions and Prohibitions” (Table 1, Alert Level 4 page 24) to determine for yourselves your ability to operate and under what conditions. In order that we support your business in the best possible manner, we ask that you send a mail to Graeme Impson (graeme.impson@sctsolutions.co.za) advising us whether you are open and if your cargo is deemed qualified to move so that we can start to extract cargo that is in storage facilities. If you are open to receive cargo please define how many loads a day can be accommodated and the times that you will

be operational for receipt of freight. Please be aware that we anticipate significant depot queues and shortage of vehicles over this catch up period but SCT have been proactive in securing in advance trucking support and will endeavor to move cargo as swiftly as possible.

In order to move cargo we still require the CPIC essential services certificate for each customer so if you have not previously sent to SCT please do so. In order to try and ensure hassle free movement of your cargo, especially in light of certain unclear interpretations, we would ask that you supply a letter signed by management on a letter head, defining your status and qualification to operate under Level 4 conditions and expanding on why your products are considered possible to move (e.g.: that you supply essential industries, or manufacture essential commodities etc.). Also in this letter add your request to SCT to move freight to your facility. This letter is not defined as required in the Gazette, however we believe it will support movement should we be challenged and wish to be as proactive as we can upfront to alleviate any delays or inspections. We ask again that this letter please be sent as soon as possible to Graeme Impson (graeme.impson@sctsolutions.co.za).

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