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LIQUOR BOARD

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| Circular | COVID-19 : Liquor Establishments |
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In terms of the Regulations issued in terms of Section 27(2) of the Disaster Manager Act 57 of 2002 (the Act) the Eastern Cape Liquor Board (ECLB) hereby reiterates that the provisions thereof are legal binding with **immediate effect** on all liquor outlets within the Eastern Province and Nationally as a measure to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Act and Regulations supersedes all trading conditions and municipal bylaws in respect of the Liquor Industry.

The Regulations define liquor as:-

- a) Any liquor produced as defined in Section 1 of the Liquor Products Act 60 of 1989;
- b) Beer or traditional African Beer; or
- c) Any substance or drink declared to be liquor under the Liquor Act 59 of 2003, but does not include methylated spirits.

The following legal directives as outlined in the Regulations are highlighted in respect of the Liquor Industry:-

1. **Regulation 3 - Prevention and prohibition of gatherings**

Regulation 3 (3) - The assembly of more than 50 persons at premises where liquor is sold and consumed is prohibited.

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2. Regulation 8 - Limitation on the sale, dispensing or transportation of liquor

Regulation 8 (1) - All on - consumption premises selling liquor, including taverns, restaurants and clubs, must be closed with immediate effect, or must accommodate no more than 50 persons at any time: Provided that adequate space is available and that all directions in respect of hygienic conditions and limitation of exposure to persons with COVID -19, are adhered to.

Regulation 8 (2) - All premises selling liquor which provide accommodation must implement measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 : Provided that adequate space is available and that all directions in respect of hygienic conditions and limitation of exposure to persons with COVID -19, are adhered to.

Regulation 8 (3) - No special or events liquor licences may be considered for the approval during the duration of the national state of disaster.

Regulation 8 (4) – All on-consumption premises selling liquor including taverns, restaurants and clubs must be closed:-

- i) Between 18:00 and 09:00 the next morning on weekdays and Saturdays; and
- ii) From 13:00 on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Regulation 8 (5) – All off consumption premises selling liquor must be closed:-

- i) Between 18:00 and 09:00 the next morning on weekdays and Saturdays; and
- ii) From 13:00 on Sundays and public holidays.

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Failure and /or neglect to abide to the Act and Regulations may result in criminal prosecution including arrest and detention. ECLB appeals to all liquor establishments to adhere to hygiene protocols in order to curb the spread of COVID-19. Should you require any medical assistance and/or information regarding COVID-19, please contact:-

CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK 24-HOUR HOTLINE NUMBER:0800 029 999

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