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I, Ebrahim Patel, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, after consultation with the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, hereby issue the Directions set out in the Schedule in terms of regulation 4(10)(a), read with Part E of Table 1 of the Regulations issued by the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs in terms of section (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.

Mr Ebrahim Patel

Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition

1. Definitions

In these Directions, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Disaster Management Act and the Regulations bears the meaning so assigned and, unless the context indicates otherwise –

"**Alert Level 4**" means Alert Level 4 as determined in terms of regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, commencing on 1 May 2020;

"**Disaster Management Act**" means the Disaster Management Act, 2002 ([Act No. 57 of 2002](#));

"**Minister**" means the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition;

"**national state of disaster**" means the national state of disaster relating to the COVID-19 outbreak declared in Government Notice No. 313 of Government Gazette No. 43096 of 15 March 2020; and

"**Regulations**" means the Regulations issued in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act and published on 29 April 2020 in Government Notice No. R.480 of Government Gazette No. 43258.

2. Purpose

The purpose of these Directions is to provide direction on the type of clothing, footwear and bedding which may be sold by retailers during Alert Level 4 in terms of Part E of Table 1 of the Regulations.

3. Clothing, footwear and bedding permissible for sale under Alert Level 4

The following categories of clothing and footwear and bedding are permissible for sale by retailers during Alert Level 4 in terms of Part E of Table 1 of the Regulations:

- 3.1 All baby and toddler clothing and footwear.
- 3.2 All children's wear, including —
 - 3.2.1. outerwear;
 - 3.2.2. underwear;
 - 3.2.3. sleepwear;
 - 3.2.4. school wear and school shoes;
 - 3.2.5. footwear;
 - 3.2.6. socks; and
 - 3.2.7. related accessories.
- 3.3 All maternity wear.
- 3.4 All adult sleepwear and gowns.
- 3.5 All adult underwear.
- 3.6 The following adult footwear categories:
 - 3.6.1. boots;
 - 3.6.2. slippers;
 - 3.6.3. closed-toe heels;
 - 3.6.4. closed-toe flat shoes;
 - 3.6.5. sneakers and trainers;
 - 3.6.6. smart closed-toe shoes; or
 - 3.6.7. casual closed-toe shoes.
- 3.7 The following adult outerwear categories:
 - 3.7.1. active wear, including gym, running and other exercise apparel;
 - 3.7.2. knitwear;
 - 3.7.3. jackets and coats;
 - 3.7.4. dresses;
 - 3.7.5. long sleeved tops;
 - 3.7.6. long sleeved t-shirts;
 - 3.7.7. denim jeans and denim jackets;
 - 3.7.8. pants;
 - 3.7.9. skirts;
 - 3.7.10. short sleeved knit tops, where promoted and displayed as worn under cardigans and knitwear;

- 3.7.11. short sleeved t-shirts, where promoted and displayed as under garments for warmth;
 - 3.7.12. leggings;
 - 3.7.13. crop bottoms worn with boots and leggings;
 - 3.7.14. shirts, either short- or long-sleeved, where displayed and promoted to be worn under jackets coats and/or knitwear;
 - 3.7.15. golf shirts; or
 - 3.7.16. one-pieces such as bodysuits.
- 3.8 The following adult accessories:
- 3.8.1. shawls and scarves;
 - 3.8.2. beanies;
 - 3.8.3. gloves;
 - 3.8.4. socks;
 - 3.8.5. belts;
 - 3.8.6. headwear;
 - 3.8.7. gym and exercise apparel accessories; and
 - 3.8.8. hair accessories.
- 3.9 The following bedding categories
- 3.9.1 baby bedding and blankets;
 - 3.9.2 duvets;
 - 3.9.3 duvet inners;
 - 3.9.4 blankets;
 - 3.9.5 comforters;
 - 3.9.6 quilts;
 - 3.9.7 mattress protectors;
 - 3.9.8 pillows;
 - 3.9.9 throws;
 - 3.9.10 sheets and pillow cases; and
 - 3.9.11 electric blankets.

4. Commencement and duration

These Directions come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*, and shall remain in force for the duration of Alert Level 4.