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DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002)**CLASSIFICATION OF A PROVINCIAL DISASTER IN TERMS OF SECTION 23 OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS**

I, Dr Mmaphaka Tau, in my capacity as the Head of the National Disaster Management Centre, after having deliberations with sector departments and the Provincial Disaster Management Centre, and after assessing the magnitude and severity of the severe weather events occurring in parts of the Overberg and Cape Winelands District Municipalities in the Western Cape, and after having considered the information and recommendations received from the Provincial Disaster Management Centre, hereby give notice that on 7 October 2021, in terms of Section 23(1)(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), classified the severe weather events as a provincial disaster.

Emanating from the classification of this occurrence as a provincial disaster, in terms of section 26 read with section 23(8) of the Act, the primary responsibility to coordinate and manage of this disaster, in terms of existing legislation and contingency arrangements, is designated to the provincial executive.

I hereby, in terms of Section 15(2)(aA) of the Act, read with section 23(8), call upon the organs of state to further strengthen support to existing structures to implement contingency arrangements and ensure that measures are put in place to enable the national executive to effectively deal with the effects of this disaster.

Also emanating from this classification, and the assistance provided by organs of state in terms of section 23(8) and sections 15(2)(aA) of the Act, organs of state are required to prepare and submit reports, as required by the National Disaster Management Centre and in the case of a declaration, report to the respective intergovernmental forums as outlined in section 24(4) - (8) of the Act.

The classification is automatically revoked if the provincial state of disaster lapses or when the occurrence is no longer regarded as a disaster, whichever comes first. If circumstances warrant a continuation of the classification, the Provincial Disaster Management Centre may submit a motivation to request the National Disaster Management to extend the classification.



Dr Mmaphaka Tau

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