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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.