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Dear Peter and Dave,

**FURTHER CLARIFICATION: PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE COVID19 LOCKDOWN – PROACTIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE THROUGHPUT OF ESSENTIAL CONTAINERS 26 MARCH 2020 – 16 APRIL 2020**

Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) has established that all shipping lines are carrying essential goods. Based on this information TPT will provide a practical application of planning on a first planned, first served basis, based on the firm five day ETA (to avoid confusion this is not on a first come-first-served basis). Further application is detailed below.

**CURRENT STATUS OF TERMINALS AND HANDLING OF VESSELS**

1. Vessels currently on berth will be completed and sailed before other vessels are berthed.
  - At Durban Container Terminals (DCT) Pier 2: TPT currently has three vessels on berth. At least two vessels will need to complete and sail before TPT berths the next vessel. Pier 2 will only work a maximum of two vessels at a time for the 21 day lockdown period. As the shutdown takes effect at 23h59 on 26 March 2020 the 2 senior vessels will take precedence until they complete, thereafter the third vessel will be worked. This is because TPT will commence the two berth operation from the start of the 22H00 shift this evening. Berthing priority will be given to those vessels which have stacks already opened, subject to TPT's discretion.

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- At DCT Pier 1: one vessel is still alongside, with a projected completion time of 06h00 on 27 March 2020. Berthing priority will be given to those vessels which have stacks already opened, subject to TPT's discretion.  
The export stack for the next vessel is currently open and will be closed for all non-essential containers this evening at midnight. Only essential goods will be allowed after midnight on 26 March 2020 until 06H00 27 March 2020, into this stack.
  - At Ngqura Container Terminal (NCT): From 22h00, we will have three gangs deployed. Currently there are three vessels on berth. These vessels will be completed in order of seniority. Upon completion of the 3 vessels. The next vessel will be berthed on the single berth available.
  - At Port Elizabeth Container Terminal (PECT): A skiptainer vessel is currently working. This skiptainer vessel will cease operations on 26 March 2020 at 22h00. Berthing priority will be given to those vessels which have stacks already opened, subject to TPT's discretion. PECT will be working a single berth operation.
  - At Cape Town Container Terminal (CTCT): From 22h00, we will have three gangs deployed. Currently there are three vessels on berth. These vessels will be completed in order of seniority. Upon completion of the three vessels, the next vessel will be berthed on the single berth available.
2. Vessels with stacks already open will be berthed in order to maintain terminal fluidity provided that they meet the requirements of the evacuation plan and other conditions stipulated below.
  3. In the interest of terminal fluidity, the shipping lines are encouraged to remove the current containers which are in the terminal through all means possible.
  4. On-carriers must be nominated for existing transshipment containers within the terminal in order to support terminal fluidity.

#### PRIOR TO VESSEL BERTHING – 48 HOURS

5. TPT will plan each vessel in conjunction with the vessel operator directly. This will be conducted between TPT and the customer at least 48 hours prior to vessel berthing.
6. The shipping line is required to provide TPT with a list of all essential cargo, as defined by "ANNEXURE B CATEGORISATION OF ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SERVICES DURING LOCKDOWN REGULATION 11A" attached.
7. Shipping lines will be required to provide a list of essential containers, with the manifest, in order to facilitate stacking and easy evacuation. Further to this, the transporter must be assigned to all containers.
8. Shipping lines are responsible for ensuring that all non-essential containers are cleared and have a transporter assigned. A clear evacuation plan must be provided.
9. It is the shipping lines' responsibility to ensure that their service providers have been given necessary permits in order to move non-essential goods (these are required to facilitate further evacuation of essential goods and to ensure that the terminals are not congested).

## EXPORT STACKS

10. Export stacks will be allowed for essential goods and reefer containers.
11. Export stacks will be aligned with standard vessel berthing.
12. Stack extensions will only be granted where the export stack has been impacted due to climatic conditions.

## AFTER VESSEL BERTHING

13. To the best of TPT's ability, the container discharge and load plan will be honoured in full, by TPT in accordance with the evacuation plan detailed above and the load plan.

The above application will apply from 23h59 on 26 March 2020 until 06h00 on 17 April 2020. TPT will apply the above, noting that any directives or proclamations may change the approach or stance immediately.

Please urgently communicate this updated notice with your Shipping Line members and other affected stakeholders. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Kind regards



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**Michelle Phillips**

**Acting Chief Executive Transnet Port Terminals**

**ANNEXURE B**  
**CATEGORISATION OF ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SERVICES DURING LOCKDOWN**  
**Regulation 11A**

**A. GOODS**

1. Food
  - (i) Any food product, including non-alcoholic beverages;
  - (ii) Animal food; and
  - (iii) Chemicals, packaging and ancillary products used in the production of any food product.
2. Cleaning and Hygiene Products
  - (i) Toilet Paper, sanitary pads, sanitary tampons, condoms;
  - (ii) Hand sanitiser, disinfectants, soap, alcohol for industrial use, household cleaning products, and personal protective equipment; and
  - (iii) Chemicals, packaging and ancillary products used in the production of any of the above.
3. Medical:
  - (i) Medical and Hospital Supplies, equipment and personal protective equipment; and
  - (ii) Chemicals, packaging and ancillary products used in the production of any of the above.
4. Fuel, including coal and gas
5. Basic goods, including airtime and electricity.

**B. SERVICES**

Categories of essential services shall be confined to the following services:

1. Medical, Health (including Mental Health), Laboratory and Medical services;
2. Disaster Management, Fire Prevention, Fire Fighting and Emergency services;
3. Financial services necessary to maintain the functioning of the banking and payments environment, including the JSE and similar exchanges, as well as Insurance services;
4. Production and sale of the goods listed in category A, above;
5. Grocery stores, including spaza shops;
6. Electricity, water, gas and fuel production, supply and maintenance;
7. Critical jobs for essential government services as determined by Head of National or Provincial Departments in accordance with the guidance by the DPSA, including Social Grant Payments;
8. Birth and death certificates, and replacement identification documents;
9. Essential municipal services;
10. Care services and social relief of distress provided to older persons, mentally ill, persons with disabilities, the sick, and children;
11. Funeral services, including mortuaries;
12. Wildlife Management, Anti-poaching, Animal Care and Veterinary services;
13. Newspaper, broadcasting and telecommunication infrastructure and services;
14. Production and sale of any chemicals, hygiene products, pharmaceuticals for the medical or retail sector;
15. Cleaning, sanitation, sewerage, waste and refuse removal services;

16. Services related to the essential functioning of courts, judicial officers, the Master of the High Court, Sheriffs and legal practitioners required for those services;
17. Essential SARS services defined by the Commissioner of SARS;
18. Police, peace officers, traffic officers, military medical personnel and soldiers, correctional services officials and traffic management services;
19. Postal services and courier services related to transport of medical products;
20. Private security services;
21. Air-traffic Navigation, Civil Aviation Authority, Cargo Shipping and dockyard services;
22. Gold, gold refinery, coal and essential mining;
23. Accommodation used for persons rendering essential services, quarantine, isolation and the lockdown;
24. Production, manufacturing, supply, logistics, transport, delivery, critical maintenance and repair in relation to the rendering of essential services including components and equipment;
25. Transport services for persons rendering essential services and goods, and transportation of patients;
26. Services rendered by the Executive, members of Parliament, Members of the Provincial Legislature, Members of Local Councils, the Judiciary, traditional leaders and National Office Bearers of Political Parties represented in Parliament;
27. Commissioners of the South African Human Rights Commission, Gender Commission, and the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities, and the Public Protector and Deputy Public Protector; and
28. Transport and logistics in respect of essential goods as set out in A above to neighboring countries.

**ANNEXURE C  
FORM 1  
PERMIT TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL SERVICE  
Regulation 11B(3)**

- *Please note that the person to whom the permit is issued must at all times a form of identification to be presented together with this permit. If no identification is presented the person to whom the permit is issued will have to return to his or her place of residence during the lockdown*

I,

<b>Surname</b>				
<b>Full names</b>				
<b>Identity number</b>				
<b>Contact details</b>	<b>Cell nr.</b>	<b>Tel Nr(W)</b>	<b>Tel Nr(H)</b>	<b>e-mail address</b>