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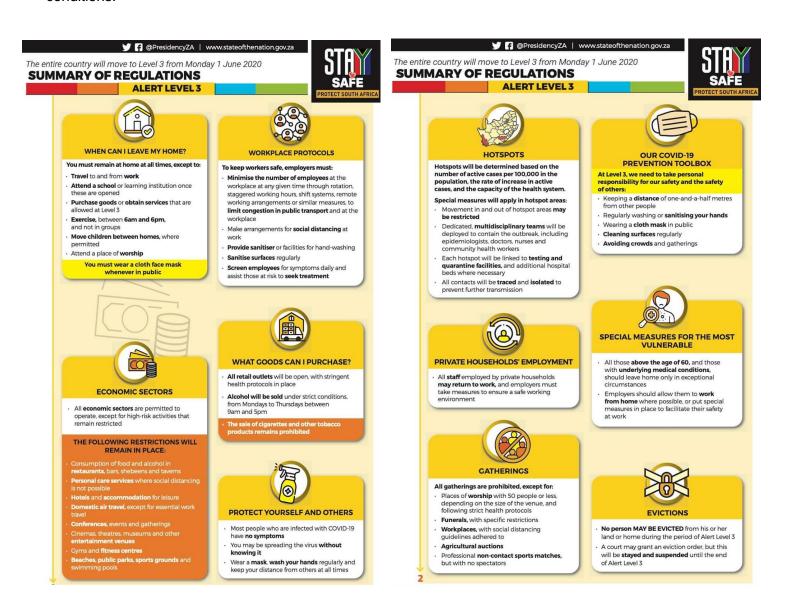
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The COVID 19 pandemic had a major effect on the world and the way we do business in South Africa. The damage to the South African economy will also no doubt affect the South African Red Meat Industry.

The Association provided the red meat abattoir industry with guidelines as part of a concerted effort to reduce the spread of the pandemic, whilst continuing red meat production as part of essential services in South Africa. Employers must prepare themselves and their workers of potentially worsening outbreak conditions.



During the development of the Contingencies for COVID 19 as decision was made to post the RMAA Annual Conference and Congress to 2021. A date of 09-11 June 2021 was confirmed with Spier for the postponement of our booking at this hotel. We are currently engaged with our sponsors and exhibitors in this regard. Although industry and members have received an invitation to a Webinar on the initial date during the past week, and invitations were already posted to speakers, it was decided NOT to proceed with this webinar at this time due to pressing issues at abattoirs amidst the threat of positive cases in our industry. 2020 Vision in the abattoir industry is indeed currently a perfect science!

In terms of the Constitution of the Association, the election of the Board and the approval of the financial statements will take place at the annual general meeting. (item 6.3 and 8.2) These two matters will be handled in a separate electronic motion to members of the Association.

The Annual Conference is also traditionally an opportunity for our Associated Members to exhibit their products to the industry. This advertising and interaction is further hampered by restricted visits to facilities.

For this reason, we will provide our **Associated Members**, sponsors and exhibitors a specific opportunity by way of June 2020 Newsletter editorial to promote their products, provide further background to their business contingencies and also provide background to the changes in the industry in their field of expertise.

In the mean time we urge members to ensure that:

- 1. The Covid19 Contingency Plan is updated according to additional regulations or as new information becomes available.
- 2. Provision is made for the laundering of face masks at the facility similar to other PPE should disposable masks not be used.
- 3. Implement working arrangements in order to achieve social distancing as far as practicable (COVID-19 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES IN WORKPLACES -29 April 2020 item 16.7)
- 4. Workers are provided with information that raises awareness (*Item 16.9, additional information is also available on our website*)
- 5. Measures are provided for the screening of personnel

Kind regards

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