

Circular To The KZN Gambling Industry

26 July 2021

To all Licensees

The purpose of this circular is to inform and advise the gambling industry on our understanding of the implications of relevant provisions of the Adjusted Alert Level 3 Disaster Management Regulations (“Adjusted Alert Level 3”), as promulgated on the 26th of July 2021, under gazette No 44895 of 26 July 2021, which the gambling industry is required to observe.

This circular is neither a decision nor an instruction to the industry, but it merely an advice for information purposes. Licensees are at liberty to seek their own independent legal advice and liaise with members of the South African Police Service, should they receive contrary advice.

Regulation 33(3) of the Adjusted Alert Level 3 reads as follows:

“Closing times for the following establishments, whether indoors or outdoors, s 21h00:

(a)...

(b) casinos;

...

(i) Restaurants bars, shebeens and taverns”

Regulation 34(6)(a) to (b) of the Adjusted Alert Level 4 reads as follows:

“Every business premises... shall

(a) determine their area of floor space in square meters;

(b) based on an information in paragraph (a), determine the number of customers and employees that may be inside the premises at any time with adequate space available , on the basis of providing for social distance of one and a half metres between persons.”

Regulation 34(9) of the Adjusted Alert Level 34 reads as follows:

“The requirement set out in subregulation (6) apply with necessary changes to any other building that is not provided for by subregulation (6)”

Regulation 45(1) of the Adjusted Alert Level 3 reads as follows:

“Businesses may operate except those set out in Table 2”

As you will all note, gambling business are listed neither in regulation 34(6) nor in Table 2, as such, they are required are allowed to trade subject compliance with regulation 34(9) and all COVID – 19 health and safety protocols.

There will be Ministerial Directions that will be introduced in the near future, the industry is advised keep themselves abreast of these developments and follow the government gazette at least on a daily basis.

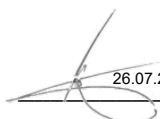
I implore all of you to treat this extended (albeit limited) opportunity to trade under these trying times as a privilege that can only be preserved by you through cooperation with all efforts that our government is putting in place to fight the third wave of the COVID – 19 infections. The fight against the spread of this pandemic is not for government alone, but it is for all of us equally. Please play a role in your space to ensure that your business does not contribute to a preventable spread of this pandemic and deaths

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Thank you.

Yours Sincerely



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