

VETFLASH!

Dear member,

Please see communication below from DAFF:

Dear Colleagues.

Some of the companies have reported that they are experiencing problems with the registration. The COVID contact person of the Department wrote to many this email and I copy all.

Good colleagues,

Thank you very much for the enquiry. I participate in the National Joint Operations Committee.

As far as I know, and the current discussions at the Committee, Agriculture and Food Security were identified as essential services. By virtue of this recognition, all Agricultural and Food Value Chains are exempted from the lockdown pronounced by the President. Therefore, workers within the Agriculture and Food Value Chains will continue to work as usual to maintain and ensure that food supplies to the retail shops are not interrupted. Employees within the Food and Agriculture Value Chains will remain in their workstations and continue to perform their daily duties. KaapAgri operates within the Food Value Chains and therefore, should continue to provide the services within the agricultural sector.

There was also a decision made for identification of the essential services personnel though, so that they are not stopped by the military personnel at random as they discharge their responsibilities to patrol the streets. The employers have to write notes/letter (preferably with a company/business logo) on a paper containing the following details:

Name and surname

ID Photo attached

ID number

The sector in which the employee is working Contact numbers of both the employer and the supervisor of the employee.

Another plausible option would be if employers could have the capacity to prepare access cards, with all the necessary information as mentioned above.

I hope that this provides the clarity on food security and Agriculture as essential services.

Please call me for further enquiries in this regard.

Many thanks,

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Best regards,
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