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Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma
Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

Ms. Khumbudzo Ntshavhen
Minister for Small Business

Ms. Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane
Minister for Tourism

cc: President Cyril Ramaphosa
President of the Republic of South Africa

Amendment to Regulation 82:

On the 14th of December 2020, President Ramaphosa in his “Address to the Nation” was explicit in his text when he says *“The hours of the curfew will be longer, starting at 11pm and ending at 4am. Non-essential establishments, including restaurants and bars, will have to close at 10pm so that staff and patrons can get home before the enforcement of the curfew”*.

However, in the Government Gazette: 44009 on the 17th of December 2020 under Amendment of regulation 82 of the Regulations, section 5 (2), it states, *“Closing time for the following establishments, whether indoors or outdoors, is 21H00 daily...”* It goes on to list these establishments from a - k.

This is obviously contradictory to what the President had told the country just three days earlier and creates intense confusion for ordinary South Africans who are trying to keep their businesses alive and staff employed.

There is simply no rational reason to arbitrarily change this “closing time” as it has detrimental consequences for those in the hospitality industry, especially restaurants that need to maximise their trade during the holiday season.

I would urgently request an explanation for this contradiction between the President and Minister Dlamini-Zuma and for the regulations to at least be consistent with what the Head of State relays to the country.

Please may you furnish me with the reasoning for this about-turn by no later than 10am on Monday, 21 December 2020.

With kind regards,



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Shadow Minister: Trade and Industry
