



NOTICE ON TEMPORARY MEASURES IN RESPECT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC

17 March 2020

Foreign nationals who intends to enter the Republic of South Africa

- (a) The visa exemption granted in terms of section 10A(4)(a) of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No 13 of 2002) enjoyed by high-risk nationals of Italy, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Germany, the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France, is hereby withdrawn in terms of section 10a(4)(c) of the Act. Therefore any foreign national from the listed countries who proceeds to a port of entry without a valid port of entry visa will be refused entry into the Republic.
- (b) No foreign national who departed from Italy, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Germany, the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France will be allowed to enter the Republic of South Africa, with effect from 18 March 2020.
- (c) The visa exemption granted in terms of section 10A(4)(a) of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No 13 of 2002) enjoyed by medium-risk nationals of Portugal, Hong Kong and Singapore, is also withdrawn in terms of section 10A(4)(c) of the Act. Any foreign national from these medium-risk countries (Portugal, Hong Kong and Singapore) who wishes to visit the Republic of South Africa is with immediate effect and until further notice required to apply for a visa to visit South Africa at the South African Mission where they reside. They are required to submit a medical report attesting to the fact that the applicant has not tested positive to COVID-19.
- (d) Any port of entry visa that was issued to a citizen of China and Iran before or on 15 March 2020 for the purpose of visiting the Republic of South Africa are, in terms of section 10A(3)(c) of the Act is cancelled with immediate effect and declared null and void.
- (e) Any foreign national whose passport contains evidence that he or she has visited Italy, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Germany, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, China or France since 15 March 2020, will not be issued with a port of entry visa or a temporary residence visa.

(f) Foreign nationals already in the Republic of South Africa to contact the Department of Home Affairs at (www.dha.gov.za) for information in this regard.

(g) South African citizens, permanent residents and refugees of South Africa returning from the countries will be subjected to extensive screening on arrival in South Africa.

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