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MEDIA STATEMENT

PFMA: COMMUNICATION ON EXTENSIONS DURING THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD

On 15 March 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa declared a national state of disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act to enable the government and the country to manage the spreading of the COVID-19 virus.

On 23 March 2020, the President declared a nationwide lockdown, whereby all citizens, except those that form part of essential services, were ordered to stay home for a period of 21 days. The nationwide lockdown commenced at midnight on Thursday 26 March 2020.

On 31 March 2020, the Minister of Finance in terms of section 92 Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999) issued an Exemption Notice to institutions to which that Act applies to ensure effective financial management and to minimise any possible non-compliance with the PFMA. The notice may be accessed on the National Treasury website and the PFMA webpage.

The objective of extensions related to PFMA requirements is to ensure that departments and public entities still adheres to the legislative requirements taking cognizance of the challenges experienced as a result of the announcement of the National disaster and lockdown.

The relevant functionary or institution is exempted, for the 2019/2020 financial year, from complying with the deadlines in sections 8(1)(b), 8(5), 19(1)(b), 19(5), 40(1)(c), 40(1)(d), 55(1)(c), 55(1)(d) and 65(2) of the PFMA, including a regulation or instruction issued in terms of section 76 of the PFMA as it relates to those sections. The relevant functionary or institution must comply with the provisions referred to in the above paragraph within one month after the deadline of the applicable provision.

Communication related to other areas of the PFMA is enclosed in **Annexure A** of this media statement and other dates of submissions has been communicated to provinces.

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ANNEXURE A: COMMUNICATION RELATED TO OTHER AREAS OF THE PFMA

Description	Link to the webpage	Spheres of Government
Treasury Instruction No. 08 of 2019/2020 Emergency Procurement in response to the National State of Disaster, issued on 19 March 2020	http://www.treasury.gov.za/legislation/pfma/TreasuryInstruction/AccountGeneral.aspx http://ocpo.treasury.gov.za/Buyers_Area/Legislation/Pages/Practice-Notes.aspx	<i>National and Provincial</i>
Exception reports on payment of suppliers within 30 days	http://www.treasury.gov.za/legislation/pfma/delayexemp/default.aspx	<i>National and Provincial</i>
Correspondence on procurements dates due to National Lockdown	http://ocpo.treasury.gov.za/Resource_Centre/Legislation/Correspondence%20on%20procurement%20dates%20due%20to%20National%20Lockdown.pdf	<i>National and Provincial</i>
Guideline relating to PFMA Compliance	http://www.treasury.gov.za/legislation/pfma/delayexemp/default.aspx http://www.treasury.gov.za/legislation/pfma/delayexemp/PFMA%20exemption-%20Gazette-%2031%20March%202020.pdf	<i>National</i>

