

WINE AND SPIRIT BOARD/SAWIS
OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION RE SERVICES DURING FULL LOCKDOWN

A nationwide lockdown will come into effect at 24:00 on Thursday 26 March 2020 and will last for 21 days, until 16 April 2020. This lockdown means that every South African must stay at home and that non-essential services will be closed during this time.

The Amendment of Regulations of the Disaster Management Act confirmed that any trade and manufacturing of alcoholic products will have to cease during the lockdown. The notice specifically states that there will be no sales of any alcohol in the South African market within the 21 day period.

SAWIS will therefore adhere to the full lockdown and only continue to deliver service where logistically and legally possible.

Administrative and support services staff that can work from home will do so. All inspectors will be available on their mobile phones and emails, please consult your certification manual.

For SAWIS related matters please use the contact details as set out below:

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The Wine and Spirit Board Label Committee will continue with its Wednesday meetings.

All Wine and Spirit Board Technical Committee meetings have been cancelled and will only resume after the lockdown.

The Wine and Spirit Board Demarcation Committee will handle all pending applications as far as possible electronically and telephonically.

The Wine and Spirit Board Management Committee will have electronic meetings as far as possible.

Employees of the Wine and Spirit Board will be working from home during the lockdown to assist industry with all matters pertaining to the Wine of Origin scheme, IPW scheme, Estate Brandy scheme and Financial matters (accounts). Herewith their contact details:

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As the situation remains fluid, we will be assessing the situation continuously and where deemed necessary adjust our working procedures to ensure that industry can continue to be operational whilst also ensuring the safety of our employees. If anything changes we will communicate it via our normal channels, the SAWIS website and the dedicated WineLand Covid-19 website – www.wineland.co.za.

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