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MINISTER OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL
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**TO: ALL MECs RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE
PROVINCES**

**PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION**

ALL EXECUTIVE MAYORS / MAYORS

PERMITS FOR INFORMAL FOOD TRADERS

1. On 25 March 2020, Regulations in terms of Section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) – (“the Act”) were issued in Government Notice No. 398 - (hereafter referred to as the “Lockdown Regulations”).
2. On 2 April 2020, Regulations in terms of Section 27(2) of the Act were issued in Government Notice No. 446 (hereafter referred to as the “Regulations”) that, amongst others, amended the Lockdown Regulations.
3. Regulation 7(e) of the Regulations require informal traders to obtain written permission from municipalities to operate.

4. It has come to our attention that the relevant sections in some municipalities are not open and available to issue such permits to informal traders, and in some instances, there is no standard template to use to provide such written permission.
5. To assist informal traders and municipalities in this regard, all municipalities are requested to ensure that the relevant sections dealing with informal trading are opened with immediate effect, and that municipalities utilise the attached template to issue the required written authority to informal food traders, where no such template is available within the municipality.
6. In addition, municipalities must ensure that informal food trading (uncooked) takes place in an area specially demarcated for such purpose; that appropriate hygiene and sanitation services and facilities are provided; and that all COVID-19 and municipal health regulations are strictly adhered to.
7. Any permit already issued prior to this Circular remains valid so long as it bears the official stamp of the municipality and the details of the issuer from the municipality.

With kind regards,

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DR NKOSAZANA DLAMINI ZUMA, MP
MINISTER OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 05, 04. 2020

PERMIT TO OPERATE A SPAZA SHOP, OR AS AN INFORMAL FOOD TRADER

NAME OF MUNICIPALITY

- Please note that the person to whom the permit is issued must at all times keep proof of identity on their person, and to be presented together with this permit.
- If no identification is presented, the person to whom the permit is issued will have to return to his or her place of residence during the lockdown.

DETAILS OF ISSUER OF PERMIT

Surname				
Name				
Position				
Contact details	Cellular Nr	Tel Nr (Work)	Tel Nr (Home)	e-mail address
Physical Address of Municipality				

This permit is issued by the Municipality mentioned herein to the informal trader with the details indicated below:

DETAILS OF PERMIT HOLDER

Surname	
Names	
Identity number	
Physical Address of Permit Holder	
Items that will be traded	

Signed at _____, on this the _____ day of _____ 2020.

Signature of Issuer of Permit at Municipality

Signature of Permit Holder

*Official stamp of
Municipality*