



## LIQUOR INDUSTRY

# NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT ALERT LEVEL 3 LIQUOR REGULATIONS

### Dear Licence Holders/Stakeholders,

Please see the following information relevant to liquor outlets in the amendments to the National Disaster Management Act (DMA) Regulations. This is just a summary and the full regulations can be found on <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/>.

The DMA Regulations under ALERT LEVEL 3 are applicable from 26 July 2021.

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The sale of liquor by a licensed premises for OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION is only permitted from 10h00 to 18h00, from Mondays to Thursdays, excluding Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. The contravention of this is an offence.

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The sale of liquor by a licensed premises for ON-SITE CONSUMPTION is permitted until 20h00. The contravention of this is an offence.

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The provisions for off-site consumption do not apply to duty-free shops at international airports which are permitted to operate in accordance with their operating license.

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The consumption of liquor in public places, except in licensed on-site consumption premises, is not permitted. Contravention of this is an offence.

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Registered wineries, wine farms, micro-breweries and micro-distilleries may continue to operate in offering wine-tastings and other brew-tastings. The selling of wine and other brews to the public for off-site and on-site consumption is permitted until 20h00 and is subject to strict adherence to social distancing measures and health protocols.

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The transportation of liquor is permitted.

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Curfew is from 22h00 until 04h00 daily. Closing time for restaurants, bars, shebeens and taverns, amongst others, is 21h00.

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Restaurants, bars, shebeens and taverns are subject to a limitation of a maximum of 50 persons or less for indoor venues and 100 persons or less for outdoor venues. If the venue is too small to hold 50 persons indoors or 100 persons outdoors observing a distance of at least 1.5m from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue may be used.

The owner or manager must ensure compliance with these limitations, failing which they commit an offence and, on conviction, are liable to a fine and/or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months.

Any person who attends one of these venues and who knows, or ought reasonably to have known or suspected, that the number of persons attending exceeds these limitations commits an offence and is, on conviction, liable to a fine and/or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months.