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S0665 - SAAADA - Directive for handling of the Validity of Firearm Licences,
Competency Certificates as well as the Firearm Amnesty during the period of
Lockdown in terms of the Disasters Management Act 2002

Dear Madam,

We refer to your directive dated the 7th of May 2020 addressed to all Provincial Commissioners of the South African Police Service.

On behalf of the South African Arms and Ammunitions Dealers Association we would like to thank you for responding to our client, and that of other numerous organisations requesting clarity in respect of the Level 4 regulations and their impact on the requirements of the Firearms Control Act.

However there are some issues that have not been addressed in the communication and that our client would like to obtain clarity on.

Firstly, as you quite correctly point out, Part O(2) of Table 1 of the Regulations permits licencing. There is no limitation in the schedule, limiting licensing to competency certificates and renewal applications only.

We would suggest that you should extend your directive to include new applications and that amnesty applications will be accepted between now and 31st of May, even if the Minister does extend the amnesty.

We would also like your confirmation that firearm dealers may trade, in accordance with the Level 4 Regulations to provide services as set out in the Regulations.

Our client is aware of a number of dealers that have been ordered to close (although there is legal action pending in this respect), and we believe that a simple directive confirming that dealers may trade will obviate any further complications and potential legal action.

Finally our client wishes to thank yourself for your prompt response and we trust that we can clarify the issues raised therein as soon as is possible.

Kind regards,


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